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FIRE BRIGADE ORDINANCE.

Procedure for Serious Offences.

SYSTEM OF GRATUITIES.

A Bill intituled an Ordinance to amend the Fire Brigade Ordinance, 1923, will be introduced in the Legislative Council to-morrow. The text is as under:—

1.—This Ordinance may be cited as the Fire Brigade Amendment Ordinance, 1930.

2.—Section 3 (1) (b) of the Fire Brigade Ordinance, 1923, is repealed and there shall be substituted therefor the following paragraph:—

(b) such gratuities as he may deem fit to members of the Brigade or other persons for extraordinary services performed in cases of fire or in the interest of the Brigade.

3.—The Fire Brigade Ordinance, 1923, is amended by adding the following new sections at the end thereof:—

6. Every member of the Brigade who—

(a) is guilty of misconduct as a member of the Brigade; or

(b) having engaged to serve in the Brigade deserts therefrom; or

(c) being permitted to resign, does not, upon ceasing to belong to the Brigade deliver up all implements, accoutrements and appointments whatsoever entrusted to him for the performance of his duty,

shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months together with forfeiture of pay during such imprisonment.

7. It shall be lawful for the Governor on the representation of the Chief Officer to dismiss any member of the Brigade for any refusal or neglect of duty or insubordination or breach of discipline or misconduct, or for any contravention of any of the provisions of this Ordinance or of any regulation or departmental order made thereunder, whether any action in respect of the matter in question shall or shall not have been taken under section 4 or section 6.

Objects and Reasons.
This Ordinance amends the Fire Brigade Ordinance, 1923, by introducing provisions similar to those contained in the Naval Establishments Police Ordinance, 1876, with regard to offences such as misconduct as a member of the Brigade, desertion and retention of kit, of too serious a nature to be adequately dealt with under the fines and stoppages from pay authorised by the principal Ordinance. This Ordinance also contains a section based on section 24 of the Police Force Ordinance, 1911, dealing with dismissal and extends the powers of the Governor in Council as to the payment of gratuities which under the principal Ordinance are limited to extraordinary services performed in cases of fire.

DROUGHT CRISIS.

PRESIDENT CANCELS HIS HOLIDAY.

TREMENDOUS LOSSES.

Washington, Yesterday.
Owing to the drought crisis President Hoover has cancelled his proposed holiday to the Rocky Mountains. He will confer in Washington on Thursday with the Governors of the States affected by the drought, and on Friday will meet representatives of the farmers.

It is officially reported that there is a food shortage in a number of States as a result of the lowest production of corn for a quarter of a century, and the extensive damage to crops. It is estimated that 100 million bushels of cereals have been lost since August 1 alone. (There are still no signs of any considerable rain fall.)—Reuter's American Service.

ROAD ACCIDENT. SKIDS DUE TO GREASY SURFACES.

CHINESE KILLED BY LORRY.

This morning's slight rain had had the effect of causing two accidents on the Island, one on Pokfulam Road and the other in Queen's Road Central.

As the result of these two accidents, one Chinese was killed and seven were injured. These are all now in the Government Civil Hospital, and the condition of one of them is critical. Motor lorries were concerned in both accidents.

The first accident occurred just before 9 a.m., whilst a lorry was going down the steep Pokfulam Road incline towards Queen's Road West, past the No. 7 Police Station.

According to eye-witnesses of the accident, the lorry was going slowly downhill when near the Second Street junction it suddenly skidded on the slippery road rendered greasy by the rain on the asphalt.

Killed Instantly.
The skid caused the heavy lorry to turn completely round and its back mounted the pavement on which four Chinese were walking. They were all knocked down. An old man who was nearer the edge of the pavement received the full force of the impact and was killed instantly. His head was badly crushed.

The other three received more or less serious injuries and were

TYPHOON STRIKES JAPAN.

South Eastern Coast Ravaged.

Osaka, Yesterday.
A typhoon last night, travelling at the velocity of 25 metres per second, ravaged south-east of Japan, resulting in the interruption of communications, damaging buildings, and inundating houses. The typhoon is turning to the Sea of Japan. Communications have since returned to normal.—Reuter.

unconscious when picked up by the Police and taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

The other accident occurred at about 9.45 a.m., the vehicle involved being a Public Works Department lorry. It suddenly skidded at the junction of Hollywood Road and Queen's Road Central and ran into a hawker's stall at which a Chinese man, a small boy and two women were gathered.

Stall Knocked Over.
The stall was knocked over and badly smashed. The four persons at the stall were also knocked down and all received injuries which necessitated their removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

The boy is understood to have suffered more than the others and is in a bad way.

FOKIS AT "WAR."

SEQUEL TO JEALOUSY IN BUSINESS.

THIRTEEN MEN REMANDED.

Thirteen men appeared before Mr. Whyte-Smith this morning on charge of fighting in Shanghai Street.

Detective-Sergeants Naughton and Fitches appeared for the Police and the former officer intimated that the trouble started on August 6 in the night. A truck load of rice from 63 Shanghai Street passed on a heavier truck load from 62 Shanghai Street, so they had a row.

The next night a second fight took place in Shanghai Street over spaces taken up by the rival trucks in unloading. Sergeant Fitches intimated that the shop at 63 Shanghai Street had been trading for 12 years while the shop at No. 62 had traded for 6 years. It was a matter of jealousy between the masters more than the foks. He intimated that a third fight took place shortly afterward, and the Police had information about a fourth fight to take place to-night, so preparations are well in hand.

Two of the participants went to hospital, one having a fractured nose. Several others were also injured with bamboo poles. The Magistrate remanded the case.

NO MORE FRAUDS ON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Currency of Temporary Documents Limited.

LESSONS OF HATRY.

London, Yesterday.

As a sequel to the Hatry frauds the General Purposes Committee of the Stock Exchange has adopted certain recommendations of a special sub-committee intended to prevent as far as possible future frauds of a similar character, including steps to limit the currency of temporary documents providing, inter alia, that the period for the renunciation of fully-paid shares must not exceed a six weeks' maximum, and partly-paid shares one month after date of the final call.

Arrangements are being made whereby the share and loan department of the Stock Exchange will gradually undertake the certification of transfers, stocks and shares, both quoted and unquoted. Arrangements will also be made to accept as "good delivery" transfers certified at such associated Stock Exchanges as adopt the proper safeguards.

Proposals for additional safeguards in regard to future municipal issues have been submitted to the authorities concerned and now being considered.—Reuter.

"SOBERING UP."

AVIATOR DROPS BOMBS ON MINERS.

HIS EXPLANATION.

Murphersford, Illinois, Yesterday.
Paul Montgomery, a local aviator, has been arrested on a charge of piloting the aeroplane which bombed mines in Providence District yesterday. Montgomery denied the charge.

He admitted flying early yesterday, but said that it was merely in order to "sober up" after being drunk on Sunday.—Reuter's American Service.

[The Providence coal mining district of Kentucky, which has been torn by labour troubles for months, was thrown into an uproar by an aeroplane at six in the morning, when the miners were going to work, dropping a number of bombs near the entrance to the mines. There were no casualties and no damage, whilst some bombs did not explode. They were found to be made of dynamite wrapped up in adhesive tape with fuses attached.]

The mines closed in April, and owing to wage disagreements recently re-opened, but there have been several outbreaks of violence among the workers, and the Federal Court made an injunction restraining 100 men from interfering with the working of the mines.]

REDS' THREAT.

WAITING TO ADVANCE ON NANKING TO-DAY.

Shanghai, To-day.
Bug hunting students have brought back to Nanking alarming stories of encampments of Communists, armed with rifles in the hills fifteen miles from the capital, apparently quietly waiting orders to advance on Nanking, which is at present denuded of troops.

The Communists are wearing red brassards. They are not interfering with the villagers, who are friendly toward them.—Reuter.

NORTHERN WIN.

CRUSHING DEFEAT OF NATIONALISTS.

Peking, To-day.
Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang claims that after heavy fighting he crushed the Nationalist left wing on the Lunghai Railway. In the neighbourhood of Kwei-tai, and captured enormous supplies of munitions, which the Nationalists were unable to carry away owing to heavy rains.—Reuter.

SELECTORS' TASK FOR OVAL MATCH.

R. E. S. Wyatt Displaces Chapman.

FOURTEEN INVITED.

London, Yesterday.

The selectors are finding it a difficult task to select an England XI for the final Test match at the Oval, and have extended invitations to the following fourteen players:—

R. E. S. Wyatt (Warwickshire) (captain).
K. S. Dulcipsinhji (Sussex).
Hobbs (Surrey).
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire).
Whysall (Notts).
Hammond (Gloucester).
Leyland (Yorkshire).
Tate (Sussex).
Larwood (Notts).
Duckworth (Lancashire).
I. A. R. Peebles (Middlesex).
Ames (Kent).
Parker (Gloucester).
Hendren (Middlesex).—Reuter.

Wyatt a Great Cricketer.
It must have come as a surprise to the cricket public to see that Wyatt, the Warwickshire skipper, has been considered good enough to supersede Chapman. The Kent player has played some good innings in the previous Tests, and has hung on to some full blooded drives in the field, and it comes as a great shock to see that he has been passed over for the vital match. Wyatt is a great cricketer, suited to a no time-limit Test, and can do his share of the bowling, but he has had only this season's captaincy of Warwick for experience of leadership.

Two other names which cause surprise are those of Whysall and Parker. Both are splendid in their different departments, but they are getting on in years. Whysall being 48 and Parker 46. Can they stand up to the mental as well as the physical strain of a Test match?

The introduction of Ames into the minds of the selectors. Should they play the best wicket-keeper or the best "keeper-batsman" for this Test of unknown limits it is a difficult problem to decide.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The newspapers learn that thirteen English players will be invited to attend at the Oval on Saturday for the fifth and final Test match against the Australians, which will be played to a finish.

It is understood that the thirteen are Hobbs, Sutcliffe, Whysall, Dulcipsinhji, Hammond, Wyatt, Leyland, Tate, Larwood, Peebles, Duckworth, Parker, and Ames. Mr. Wyatt, who was appointed this year captain of Warwickshire, will be captain of the team in place of Mr. Chapman, who is not included in the team. Wyatt did well in India in 1924 playing for the English team and this year played in all five test matches in South Africa. The choice of thirteen players has been made, it is understood, to enable the selectors to field a team good for a dry or a wet wicket.—British Wireless Service.

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Mr. Hin-shing Lo, for the defence, asked for the immediate discharge of his client on the charge of manslaughter, as there was no evidence whatever. Of course the Crown could frame any charge they liked but he did not care how they prosecuted his client, as long as he was clear that the charge of manslaughter was dropped.

His Worship said that the defendant was discharged on the manslaughter charge, but he would remand him on bail of \$1,000 for 24 hours for the case to be taken before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hoke.

THEFT FROM A LAUNCH.

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Both were given a month's hard labour each.

GENERAL WHO SAVED THE ALLIES.

Prevented Germany Winning the War.

GENERAL SMITH-DORRIEN.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The outstanding incident in the career of General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, who died to-day from injuries received in a motor car accident, was the stand which he made in the retreat from Mons when commanding the Second Army Corps. He had been given the order to retreat from Le Cateau by Sir John French, Commander-in-Chief, but disagreed with that policy and decided to fight.

The enemy was at least twice as strong as Smith-Dorrien's force, but the German advance was completely checked. The obituary of "General Smith-Dorrien declare that his disobedience saved the Allies, and they cite the following admission of General Von Kluck. The German Commander-in-Chief, "I tried hard to outflank Smith-Dorrien but could not do so. If I had succeeded the War would have been won by Germany."—British Wireless Service.

JUNK COLLISION.

CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER DROPPED.

A NEW CHARGE.

To So-tai, a coxswain on the Sun Toi ferry launch, made his third appearance before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Police Court this morning, on a charge of the manslaughter of a Chinese boy, one year of age, on a junk on July 24, as the result of a collision off Stonecutter's Island.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy appeared, and intimated that the Crown was not proceeding with the charge of manslaughter; but instead were substituting a new charge under the Merchant Shipping Act of 1894, Section 422.

The charge was: "Being a person in charge of a vessel which was in collision with another vessel failed to render the other vessel and her passengers such assistance as was practicable and to save them from danger caused by the collision."

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COUNCIL MEETING.

THE FUTURE OF CAROLINE HILL.

TELEPHONE BILL.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow the Hon Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., pursuant to notice, will ask the following question:—

With reference to the report of the Playing Fields Committee dated January 20, 1930, which was published as Sessional Paper No. 2 of 1930 and laid before this Council on June 19, 1930, will the Government state what decision, if any, it has come to in regard to Caroline Hill, the proposed sale of which was not concurred in by four members of that Committee?

Telephone Ordinance.
The Attorney General will move the second reading of—"A Bill to amend the Telephone Ordinance, 1925."

Note.—The Attorney General will move in Committee that clause 5 of the Telephone Amendment Bill be deleted and that the following clause be substituted therefor:—

5. The following new section is inserted immediately after section 33 of the principal Ordinance:—

33A. Whenever any system of wireless telephony is established in the Colony, the company shall, if so requested by the Government, permit its system of telephony to be connected therewith on such terms as the Governor in Council, after discussion with the company, shall consider reasonable.

FINE TO SHOWERY.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states: The typhoon passed near Nagasaki yesterday afternoon. It continues to move northward.

A depression is central over S.W. China.
Forecast:—S.W. or variable winds, moderate; fine to showery.

Rainfall.
Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day 0.01 inch. Rainfall since January 1, 62.40 inches against an average of 58.18 inches.

Temperature and Humidity.
The temperature and humidity at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock were:—

	Temp.	Humid.
Hong Kong	81	89
Macao	81	89
Pratas Island	82	84
Manila	77	94
Foochow	84	87
Amoy	81	96
Chefoo	76	100
Swatow	77	86
Shanghai	77	79

KITE FLYING.

"NOT A NUISANCE" DECLARES MAGISTRATE.

OLD ORDINANCE QUOTED.

"It is hard to convince me that a boy flying a kite in a Chinese neighbourhood is causing a nuisance."

This comment was made by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning in discharging a Chinese boy named Chang Kit-chee who was summoned by a European constable for unlawfully flying a kite at the junction of Mosque Street and Robinson Road.

As soon as the summons was called the Magistrate commented that it was something new to him.

The Sergeant explained that the kite fouled a telephone wire, and previously almost broke a pane of glass in a window of one of the houses in the vicinity.

The Ordinance under which the defendant was charged dates as far as 1845, and provides for the prosecution of anyone who "plays games or pastimes to the annoyance of any inhabitant or pedestrian" and Mr. Lindsell inquired if kite flying was a game or pastime. The constable was unable to give an opinion.

Magistrate: Where is the complaint? Did it annoy anyone?

No.

The constable claimed, however, that according to the Ordinance anyone flying a kite must not allow it to come into contact with any telephone wire.

Mr. Lindsell: There is nothing to that effect in the section you use. Where can I find it?—Discharged.

AFRIDIS WITHDRAW FROM PESHAWAR.

Stern Measures Taken Against Tribesmen.

SCENE OF ACTION SHIFTS.

Peshawar, Yesterday.

While the situation in Peshawar district is well in hand, the theatre of the trouble is shifting to Parachinar and Kohat, where the Oraksais have joined the Afridis. The latter are withdrawing from Peshawar.

Stern measures are being taken against the tribesmen. It is understood that the few British women and children in Parachinar have been evacuated by aeroplane.

Simla, Yesterday.

Fifteen hundred Mossazais, whose attack on the post of Badama, north of Hurmana, on Saturday, was repulsed by militia and villagers, again attacked yesterday. After desultory fighting, the Air Force bombed the attackers.

News has been received from Parachinar that parties of Chamkennis attacked villages in the Mandosam and Kurram districts and that a large number of Paras yesterday attacked the village of Chichas. Two villagers and three of the militia were killed.

More Rioting.

Ahmedabad, Yesterday.
Up to the moment 74 arrests have been made due to rioting in connection with the selling of contraband salt, which the civil disobedience volunteers started yesterday, after an interval of two months. The trouble started when volunteers paraded the streets selling salt from a hand cart. A crowd surrounded the cart and a scuffle ensued. Some volunteers hurt the police who, in spite of a lathi charge, were unable completely to disperse the crowd, which gathered in front of the police post.—Reuter.

Earlier News.

Simla, Yesterday.
Sir thousand small bombs were dropped in a single day in the gullies sheltering crouching Afridis around Peshawar. This indicates the activities of the Royal Air Force, which has prevented the approach of large bodies of the enemy. Hitherto less than three hundred tribesmen have managed to approach the town, creeping along nullahs and ditches. The authorities are confident of their ability to handle the situation.—Reuter.

REBELS ON WING.

KWANGSI TROOPS EVACUATE KWEILIN.

ATTACK BY CANTONESE.

Canton, Yesterday.
As previously intimated, roading the futility of holding out any longer against the huge army under the 8th Route (Cantonese) Army, the Kwangsi insurgents evacuated sometime last week Kweilin, the former capital of Kwangsi, and even now an important trading centre.

Reconnoitring planes have reported the siege of Yungfu by the Cantonese army. From this it is apparent that the insurgents have failed to reach their objective—Luichow—and are forced to entrench themselves at Yungfu, an outpost situated midway between Yip Shih and Li Chan-kaw.

Fighting at Sookiu.
Messages received from Kweilin state that fighting between the Government punitive forces and other contingents of the insurgents have also taken place at Sookiu, 10 miles to the north of Yungfu, an indication that portions of the enemy had failed to come into contact with the main body.

The Cantonese troops, despatched to deal with the Sookiu situation, include the brigades under Wong Chat-man, Wong Yin-ching, Yip Chiu and Li Chan-kaw.

Anticipating an early evacuation of those places on the part of the enemy with the object of retiring to Luichow, C-in-C. Chiu Chai-tong of the 8th Route Army, has instructed Colonel Chan Hon-kwong to attack Loyang, with a view of cutting the retreat of the enemy.—Canton News Agency.

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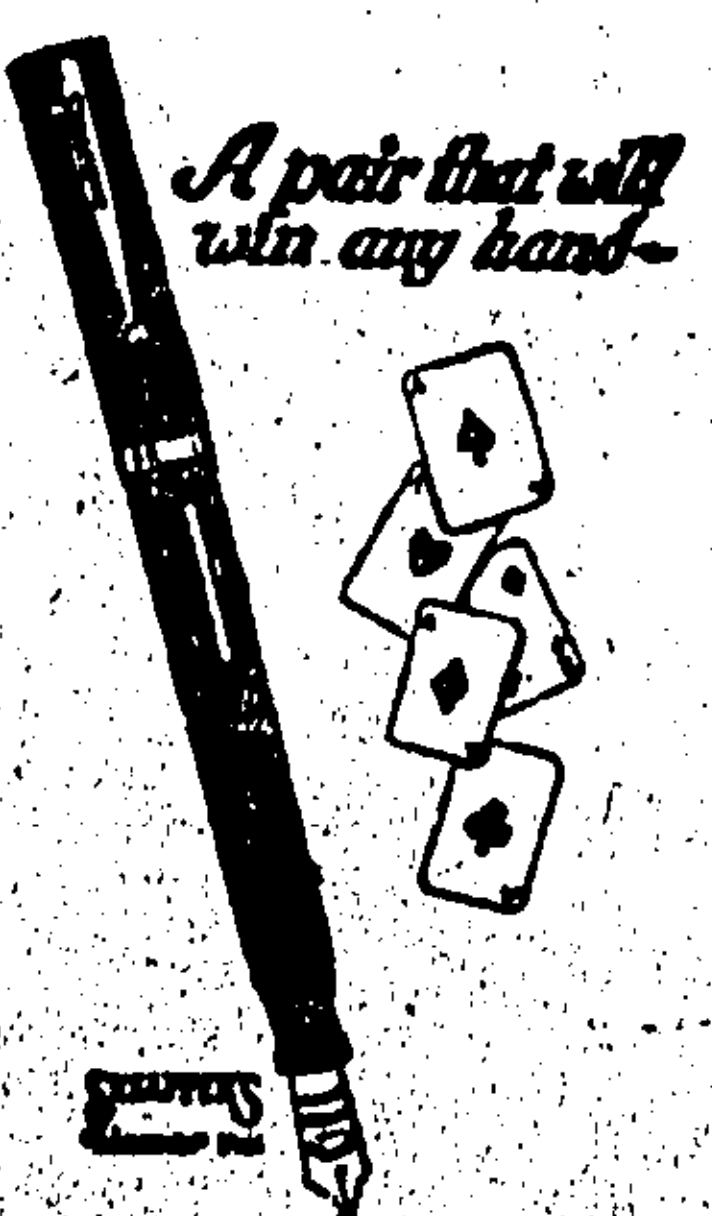
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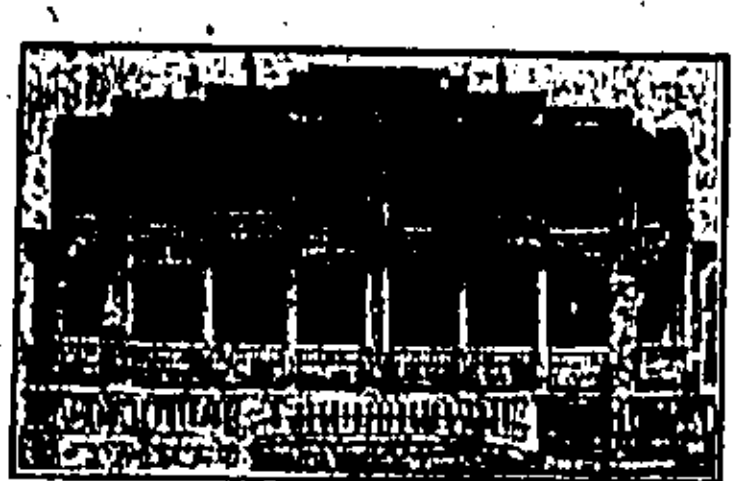
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**CHINESE WEDDING
CEREMONY.**

Modernisation Taking
Place.

OLD CUSTOMS RECALLED.

Ten or fifteen years ago when a Chinese young lady was told by her parents that she was to be married, she prepared herself for the wedding by purchasing a trousseau consisting of a heavy, red satin dress, a terrific breast-plate of pearls, a red satin veil for her face and a shock-proof head-dress.

On her wedding day she was placed in a sedan-chair and carried from her residence to that of her future spouse by fantastically uniformed coolies, escorted by a Chinese brass-band ripping off "Yes, We Have No Bananas," or something else equally lively.

If the young lady's parents were unable to afford a brass band, playing foreign style music, why she was simply forced to content herself with an old-fashioned Chinese orchestra which screeched and howled through the streets, travelling at a snail's pace and making life miserable for everyone, especially the bride.

When the bride finally crossed the threshold of her husband's parents and had entered into the domain of her mother-in-law, more hullabaloo followed. Firecrackers were set off and another Chinese orchestra or perhaps, the same one augmented by a few drums, shrieked and thundered.

Amid all this din and racket the girl was married. The ceremony itself was simple, picturesque and even beautiful according to western standards. It was the vestige of an ancient, animistic religion.

After the ceremony, the orchestra continued the racket until all the guests had fallen asleep or left for their own homes. The racket was continued the following day or if the musicians were especially fit, they played out the night.

Now all this is changed. The bride shops on Nanking Road and has a Russian dressmaker prepare her wedding garments after the best styles of Paris. Occasionally she makes a mistake and selects something inappropriate, but as a rule she is just as charming and attractive a bride as one could find anywhere.

The Russian modistes, anxious to provide the bride with a little variety in her clothes, have introduced the Russian wedding head-gear which is usually delectable to behold on the contour of a Chinese head. The best informed Chinese brides, however, have discarded the Russian innovation for the veil of the western bride.

Like her clothes, the bride now purchases her jewellery in the best shops in town and drives to her wedding in a limousine. If her parents or her husband doesn't happen to own a car, one is rented.

The wedding is usually at one of the large modern hotels where often a dancette follows the ceremony, the bride and bridegroom leading the dancing. This is followed by a trip to the photographer to have the whole affair set down for future reference.

The wedding supper is a luxurious affair and after it is over the newlyweds leave for some distant city on their honeymoon. They may even go to Japan or the Philippines. As a whole, the ceremony has become more elaborate because there must be a social sanction for it all and if the young couple can manage to have a Government official or a philosopher perform the ceremony, they are in the height of style and in good form.

In the good old days when China was more picturesque, a wedding lasted a week or two. Now it is all over and done with in a few hours. In the old day, the parents exerted the power of selection. Now the young people do it themselves, sometimes letting the parents know about it by telegram.—Associated Press.

WIFE'S SUIT.

**DEFINITELY DISMISSED IN
MANILA.**

Manila, Aug. 5.
The suit of Mrs. Idonah Slade Perkins against her husband, E. A. Perkins, for conjugal separation and distribution of conjugal property was definitely dismissed yesterday, when Judge Francisco Santamaria of the first branch of the city court of first instance, issued a ruling definitely abolishing the husband from the complaint, and directing Mrs. Perkins to render to her husband an accounting of property alleged to have been in her possession.

Mrs. Perkins was further directed to recognise the rights of her husband over their conjugal property as superior to hers.—Manila Bulletin.

**AMUSEMENT
NEWS**

QUEEN'S present Lenora-Ulric in "South Sea Rose." Her new starring role stays within the realm of the races but provides a type somewhat apart from her previous delineations. She is a fiery, passionate half-caste of the tropics, almost barbaric in her frenzy for freedom and full of the whim of her unknown ancestry. A talkie film.

CENTRAL again features Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald in "The Love Parade." "The whole tone of the picture is one of majestic lavishness of production blended with inspired simplicity and directness of action sequence. The songs fit neatly into the scheme; the plot unravels without a pause or an over-hasty leap, the characters are natural, the comedy is free-flowing and robust, the satire is spicy, the dialogue racy, yet not mauling the picture, in sum, is an amazing piece of entertainment, one that marks a high point of achievement in the New Show World." A talkie film.

MAJESTIC presents Adolphe Menjou in "His Tiger Lady," a picture of lurid fascination. "When we made the scenes in which three tigers appear in 'His Tiger Lady' we had five, sharpshooters stationed on the set prepared to deal instant death to any of the animals who might become unruly or dangerous to the actors. Over 100 actors had to appear on the same set with the animals, and we all worked under a strain while the scenes were being taken. Although the tigers are circus ones, and supposed to be tame, we couldn't feel at ease so we didn't take any chances. We were mighty thankful when the scenes were completed and the animals safely behind bars." A silent film.

STAR features Ricardo Cortez in "New York." "The story tells of gangsters and millionaires of the Bowery and Park Avenue, of a jazz band player and a Society miss, and of despair and happiness. It is the story of a man who climbs out of the squalid environment where birth has placed him, and raises himself to a pinnacle among the pleasure-loving world. Success gives him the girl of his heart, and then—Fate, that well known spectre of real life—steps in and deals a surprising blow." A silent film.

WORLD presents "The Life of a Tsuchun," a Chinese drama. A silent film.

LAND APPEAL.

**TOTAL AWARD OF \$14,442
FOR ACQUISITION.**

Kuala Lumpur, August 1.
The appeal of Paremkore, a Sikh woman, against the award of \$11,750 made by the Collector of Land Revenue in connection with the acquisition of land about eight chains from Kandang Karbau Road, for the purpose of town improvements, was continued before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice P. A. Farrer-Manby and two assessors, Mr. W. C. G. Blunn and Mr. C. B. Towell, in the Kuala Lumpur Supreme Court on Wednesday.

On Tuesday His Lordship reserved his decision on the question of estoppel urged by Mr. Veerasamy. When the case was resumed on Wednesday His Lordship said he had considered the question and was satisfied there was no estoppel by law.

After Mr. J. M. Noble, Senior Executive Engineer, Works and Buildings Kuala Lumpur, and Mr. P. W. Gleason had given evidence and Mr. Cussen had addressed the court, His Lordship and the assessors retired for about half an hour and then they returned. His Lordship said that they had taken \$1,560 as the book rental and after deducting one-fifth for repairs and maintenance they had \$1,057. The Court thought ten per cent. return was fair, thus making the award \$10,570. This was for the developed land. The undeveloped land they valued at \$3,866. These sums added together gave the total award of \$14,442.

Plaintiff is to pay the costs of the assessors.—Malay Mail.

KURDISH REBELS.

**BANDS ANNIHILATED BY
TURKS.**

The Turkish troops have annihilated the Kurdish rebel bands in the area north of Lake Van. Three thousand Kurdish corpses were found in Zilan Valley. The Turkish losses were not as heavy owing to effective action by the Air Force, though some planes were lost.

**REVIVING MALAYAN
ARTS & CRAFTS.**

Government House
Display.

LADY CLEMENT'S "AT HOME."

Unique designs in almost forgotten Malayan arts and crafts were on view on July 23 in the ball room of Government House, when Lady Clement held an "at home."

Within the room was artistically displayed on different tables a variety of beautiful examples of basket work, silverware, native fashioned handbags and a delightful splash of colour in the various sarong cloths exhibited.

There was a wonderful finish in all the articles displayed and an ingenuity of fashioning characteristic of the Malay. In spite of the thoroughness with which the work was carried out, it retained its originality in departure from stereotyped design. On one table there was a black earthenware flower bowl bearing something of the atmosphere in which it was fashioned by careful and tireless hands.

It was made by an old Malay woman, in Kuala Kangsar, who is the last survivor to practise an almost forgotten art.

A large number of the guests was present. In the course of an address during the function, Lady Clement mentioned that a selling centre for Malayan arts and crafts would be opened at Raffles Hotel.

Only A Beginning.

I hope everyone has been pleased with the exhibits. This collection is, of course, only a beginning. There are many crafts unrepresented, notably goldsmith's work, of which we have only one or two loan exhibits here. We hope as time goes on to obtain a far more complete show of what Malaya can produce, and the committee will be grateful if anyone at any time can and will send them suggestions as to further avenues to be explored up and down the Peninsula. This is, I repeat, just the start, and reading it in this light I think we may claim to have done fairly well. I think everyone will agree how sad it is that the standardisation tendencies of our present age are apt to crush out and destroy so much that is beautiful and individual.

The substitution for articles made in some traditional form, perfected through generations of careful craftsmen, of machine-made objects turned out in their thousands is going on all over the world. The blight of European dress, hideous though practical, is spreading yearly. In many countries, the instinct of women for what is beautiful and becoming, keeps them true to lovely national dresses, but the improvement in speeding up of transport and the spread of popular education all make for standardisation, and, unless effort is made, the world will become just little more commonplace with each year.

Stemming the Tide.

If we can preserve commercially Malayan Arts and Crafts, we shall have done something towards stemming this dread tide. Until comparatively recent times Malaya was a very sparsely inhabited country, without regular internal or external communications, and her crafts and industries were consequently the result of, and dependent upon, a purely local demand. Not much of anything was made, because both the makers and the users were few. When, therefore, the door to the outer world was opened there was little or nothing to pass out, but a very great deal to pass in. The effect was to swamp and submerge the local crafts, and some of them are now beyond our help. Others, however, can still be rescued. I am told that with regard to certain black vases only one old woman is left who knows how to make them. We hope to persuade her to take on a couple of apprentices, so that the secret shall not die with her. That such rescue is worth while is evident from the fact that, with the wares of the whole Empire in immediate rivalry, the amount realised by sales of specimens of Malayan art and craft at the Wembley Exhibition was well over three thousand pounds.

Centre in Singapore.

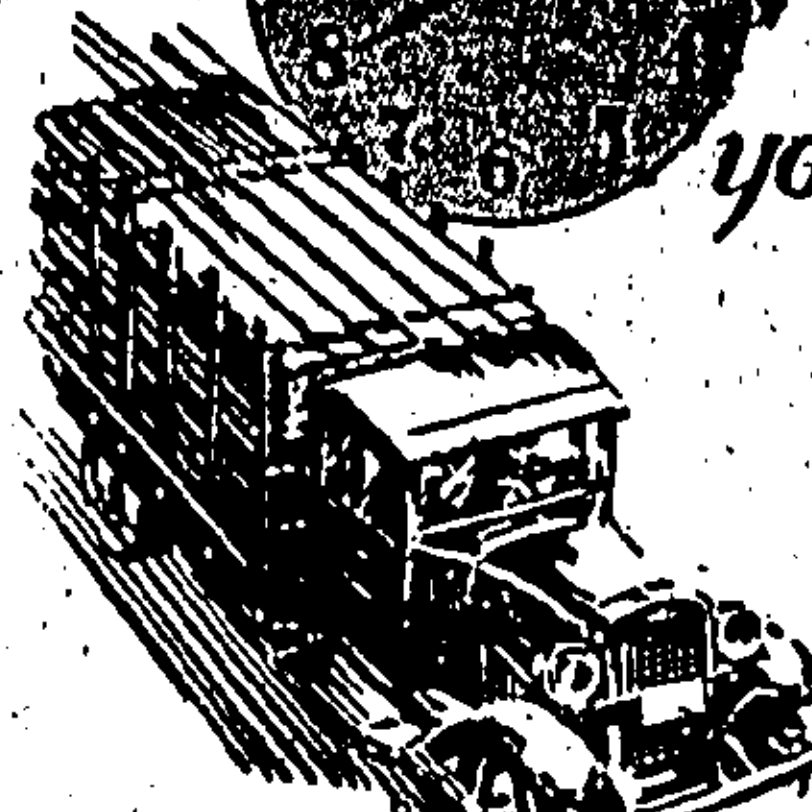
Now, in order to keep these crafts alive, to maintain and improve their quality and to provide a regular source of additional income for people whose conditions of life are by no means too hountiful, it has been decided to open a small selling centre here in Singapore, where visitors to Malaya can buy articles representative of the best Malaya can produce and where we ourselves, the local residents, may learn to know and appreciate the art of the land we live in.

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Test flights of an aeroplane propelled by steam are to be made in Alameda, California, in the near future by William Bessler, pilot-inventor, who, with Warren Doble, automotive engineer, for more than a year past has been engaged in perfecting the engine.

Of two-cylinder compound type, the engine will have approximately 150 horse-power and will weigh about 300 pounds, the inventors declare.

The chief advantages of steam propulsion for aeroplanes, according to Mr. Bessler, will be limitation of motor noise, less vibration, economy of fuel, slow speed propeller, reduced maintenance, increased engine reliability, quicker take-off, and additional manoeuvre ability due to the fact that the engine may be reversed instantaneously.

was only a toy which could not be converted into a dangerous weapon. It was found that the toy could only fire off caps.

Mr. N. A. Mallal, appearing for the accused, drew the Court's attention to the fact that there was no communication between the barrel and the other part of the "gun." "It is the sort of thing that gang robbers use to frighten people, and I think it had better be confiscated," replied his Honour.

When the prosecution produced two daggers which were alleged to have been found in possession of the accused, Mr. Mallal explained that they belonged to one of his clients, who was returning to India to arrange the marriage of his son. The daggers were for use during the marriage ceremony and would be worn by the bridegroom as part of his wedding attire.

"Yes, but they are not in India now, they are in a British Colony," commented Chief Court Inspector Meredith.

"India is still British," Mr. Meredith replied his Honour. The accused were cautioned and discharged.

The marriage in India will now have to be performed without the daggers and toy "pistol," as these were ordered to be confiscated.—Straits Times.

INDIA STILL BRITISH

**TOY PISTOL AND DAGGERS FOR
SON'S MARRIAGE.**

"India is still British," said Mr. C. Wilson, the Singapore Criminal District Judge, in reply to Chief Court Inspector Meredith's comment, "They are not in India now, they are in a British Colony."

This passage occurred during the trial of two Indian silk merchants who were passing through Singapore to India from Java on a charge of importing "arms." The "arms" complained of consisted of a toy pistol with which the accused were found on board the Dutch steamer Op Ten Noort which arrived from Java ports. The exhibit had the appearance of a genuine weapon but his Honour took it to pieces and found that it

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MEXICO MARU	Tuesday	26th August.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
CELEBES MARU	Monday	18th August.
TACOMA MARU	Monday	1st September.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.		
ARIZONA MARU (from S'hal)	Sunday	17th August.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brs bane & Sydney.		
SYDNEY MARU	Wednesday	3rd September.
HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & Pakhoi.		
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports & Panama.		
JAPAN PORTS.		
MADRAS-MARU	Friday	22nd August.
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Capt. Maloussena, from Shanghai, Kowloon, Wharf—Mess. Maritimes.	Capt. G. J. Harley, from Calcutta via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—M. M. & Co.
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Capt. J. A. Saitoh, from Milke, buoy No. B48—M.B.K.	Capt. Y. Tani, from Keelung, buoy No. B50—M.B.K.
	Yingchow, British str., 1,216 tons.
	Capt. W. G. Mackenzie, from Canton, buoy No. C39—B. & S.

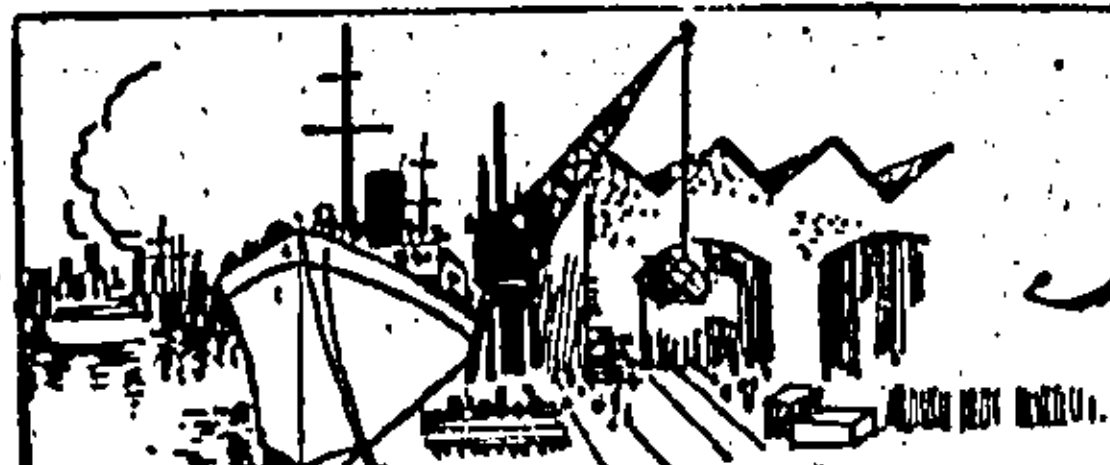
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CHANNEL TUNNEL.

WILL IT EVER BE BUILT?

London, July 3.
A great deal has been heard about the Channel Tunnel during the past few days and although nothing has come of the activity there is a general feeling that the project is now nearer accomplishment than ever before in its 50 years' history. That is not to say, however, that it will ever be built. . . . but simply that the scheme is now known to be a practical and paying one which can be undertaken by private enterprise whenever the Government of the day gives its sanction, and in view of the division of opinion into pro and anti-Tunnelers there is always the possibility that the "pros" may one day become more numerous and powerful.

Following the Report of the Committee (set up by Mr. Baldwin) in its favour from an economic point of view there was some surprise when the Government issued a White Paper saying that it could not permit the scheme because the economic case for it was not sufficiently strong to outweigh the other disadvantages. Finally a resolution was put down in the House of Commons by Mr. Thurtle, a Socialist Member who has for long been an ardent supporter asking for facilities to be given forthwith. The resolution was signed by a hundred M.P.'s of all parties and the debate on it took place recently. Mr. Thurtle opened the debate and pointed out that the case against the Tunnel was nothing but prejudice while the case for it was founded on precedent and reason. He pointed out that it was ridiculous to refuse to sanction the tunnel any longer because no State money was required and trade with the Continent was bound to benefit.

Sir Basil Peto, a staunch Conservative, seconded and many people were amused to see a pair of men politically such poles apart united on this issue.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald replied at length and his chief point was that if private enterprise once embarked on the project and then could not find enough money, great pressure would undoubtedly be put upon the Government of the day to come to their assistance. He also insisted that the British half of the capital . . . i.e. about £15,000,000 would obviously have to be found in this country because it would be intolerable if foreign shareholders participated.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

The following British warships are in harbour to-day:—
Cicala—Basin.
Serapis—North arm.
Sepoy—Basin.
Sterling—North arm.
Tamar—Basin.
Medway—West wall.
Osiris—West wall.
Oswald—West wall.
Odin—West wall.
Otus—West wall.
Foreign.
Vigilante—French gunboat.
Mindanao—American gunboat.
Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.

C.P.R. PASSENGERS.

MAKE FAST TIME TO EUROPE.

Passengers by the Empress of Canada who left Hong Kong on May 15, Shanghai on May 18 and Yokohama on May 22, made very fast time to Europe. They arrived at Vancouver on the evening of May 30, left that city by special train 12.30 p.m. next day, reached Quebec 2.25 p.m. on June 4, the train running alongside the Empress of France which sailed the same afternoon and arrived at Southampton on June 11. The special train with its 102 passengers, was handled on the same schedule at trans-Canada, Limited. The actual time in days was 28 from Hong Kong, 25 from Shanghai, and 21 from Yokohama.

ART EXHIBITION.

MODELS OF FAMOUS SHIPS AT PARIS SHOW.

Paris, June 23.
The Salon des Beaux Arts de la Mer held its vernal day in the Orangerie in the Tuilleries Gardens this afternoon. After so many miscellaneous exhibitions it is refreshing to come on one with a reason and an object, an object, moreover, inspiring and so magnificently served as it is here.

This is the fourth annual show of the name to be held in Paris. The first three were in the gallery of Rene Zivy, who conceived the idea and is still its chief servant in the new and far finer surroundings of the Orangerie. Nothing that appertains to the sea and is capable of artistic interpretation is foreign in this exhibition. As you cross the threshold you seem to come into an atmosphere of salty splendour.

A perfect sense of continuity runs from the navigators of Hakluyt, through the epoch of windjammers, of which there are two brilliant paintings by Marin Marie, to a superb Dreadnought in a storm by L. Haffner.

Lent by State.

The seamen of old are commemorated in a small historical section of paintings, books, charts, and designs, partly lent by the State, partly from private collections.

Two fine Vernet's from the Louvre are rivalled by a de la Rose of the Port of Toulon, lent by Rene Zivy, and by a remarkable seascape of Henry Moore.

Captain Viville, of the French Hydrographic Service, has lent a magnificent collection of historical nautical instruments, including a Seventeenth Century Chinese compass and specimens of work by the Voglers at Augsburg, whose predecessors supplied the early navigators with compass and sextant. Their voyages are celebrated in a unique history of the discovery of America, in Latin, by Turenne.

Among the modern pictures British art is worthily represented by Frank Brangwyn's "The Market on the Beach," loaned by the Luxembourg, by three scintillating Cecil Kings and by two sombre and noble Norman Wilkinson's.

A moving quartette is supplied by Van Mastenbroeck, the Dutch seaman. Auguste Matisse who has designed the striking poster of the Sal de la Mer, has two fine seascapes, while some thrilling light effects on the waves are given by a Marcel Clement, and the comic note is added by H. Jervese, whose seamen smack-of a tale of W. W. Jacobs.

H.M.S. Northumberland.
Not the least interesting part of this highly individual show a collection of excellent models of ships in wood and in ivory, including an admirable reproduction of the British three-decker Superb, which fought against Suffren in the Indian Ocean.

Another excellent example of this art, a four-inch model in ivory, is described according to the miniature inscription on it, as "a perfect copy of H.M.S. Northumberland, by William Ashley, born in Aberdeen, the constructor of this little ship, on which he served when it conducted Napoleon to St. Helena."

The profits of the Salon des Beaux Arts de la Mer, which will attract and delight all lovers of the sea, go to the fund for the families of shipwrecked mariners.

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JUMP INTO RIVER.

FATE OF AMERICAN OFFICER.

Manila, August 4.
The body of George Eugene Dirick, 20 years old, third officer of the m.s. Wichita of the American Pioneer Line, who jumped into the Pasig River from the Jones Bridge early last Saturday morning, was found at 8.15 a.m. yesterday floating near the Magallanes Landing.

Shortly after the finding of the body, secret service investigators announced that Dirick had committed suicide. However, up to a late hour last night, detectives could not offer any motive that may have prompted the young officer to kill himself.

An autopsy performed on the body which was taken to the city morgue on order of the city fiscal's offices revealed no marks of violence. The autopsy report received at secret headquarters stated that Dirick died of drowning.

Investigation by secret service agents showed that Dirick attended a party on Friday night with some friends at Tom's Oriental Grill the party lasting up to an early hour on Saturday morning.

At about 3 o'clock Martin Fuller radio operator on board the Wichita, hired a car of the N. & B. Garage and placed Dirick in the car. Fuller gave instruction to Roman Rosario, the driver, to take Dirick to Pier 7.

The driver drove the car through the Escolta and Jones Bridge, this being the shortest route to Pier 7, secret service investigation stated. Upon arriving at the south approach of the Jones Bridge, Dirick, according to the police, ordered the car to stop.

Dirick got out of the automobile and, without much ado, jumped into the Pasig River. Greatly excited Rosario reported the matter to the first police officer he saw who in turn reported it to the Luneta police station. Several patrolmen were rushed to the Jones Bridge in an attempt to locate Dirick, but all their efforts proved fruitless.

Shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning, while Francisco Castro, of 937 Calle Fulgueras, was standing at Magallanes Landing, he spotted the dead body of the American marine officer. The body was viewed by health service physicians and was removed to the city morgue by order of the city fiscal's office.

In the pockets several papers, including a marine certificate, and P46.80 in cash was found by the police.
Dirick was a resident of Baltimore Maryland, where his parents are living. His parents have been notified of Dirick's death. Dirick graduated from the Pennsylvania State Nautical School on May 24, 1929, his certificate found on his body showed.

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TAKADA	10,980	12th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MAIWA	8,114	23rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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"It is said that in his heart every seaman hankers after a shore job," said the Prince, "and I am perhaps counted lucky, as a 'certificated Master Mariner,' in having a shore job which occasionally takes me to sea."

"The present-day pilot is fortunate in being able to combine a certain amount of home life, interrupted and broken though it be, with service afloat; but it was not so always."

"Hakluyt in his Voyage—which I can recommend for inclusion in every seafarer's library—presented an interesting account dated 1585 of the examination of the Masters and Pilots which sail in the Fleets of Spain to the West Indies."

"In those days the pilot was something more than a pilot, for while he relied on his knowledge of special waters he seems to have been the navigating officer of the ship throughout her voyage."

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"The pilotage service of which this 16th century pilot tells us had its headquarters at Seville, where he boarded his vessel and took her right out to the West Indies and back. He was paid on a tonnage basis, and nothing is said about ballast voyages."

"How long was the average voyage out and home I do not know, but the voyage in which Columbus discovered America took two months and nine days, and the return another two months, making over four months, disregarding the time spent in the West Indies. It appears that the average net earnings of the Spanish pilot of those days were £400 to £500 a year."

The voyage was hazardous; enemies, pirates and sickness were probably dangers as great as storm or tempest—so that the chances of the pilots not returning were perhaps about as good as the favourite's chance to win the Derby (twice in the last fifteen years) and I find no suggestion of a Pilots' Benefit Fund.

"As regards the pilots' admission to the service, was are told of a rather terrifying viva before a board of examination consisting of the Pilot major and divers other pilots to the number of 25 at least. The examinee declares 'of what part of the Indies he desires to be examined,' and the would-be pilot is confronted with a chart on which he must lay a course."

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S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	SUISANG	Fri., 15th Aug. at 3 p.m.
S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Wed., 27th Aug. at 3 p.m.
S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Sat., 6th Sept. at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Tues., 19th Aug. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	HOSANG	Sun., 31st Aug. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Sun., 7th Sept. at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Mon., 25th Aug. at Noon
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"There were heavy Customs fines in Spain in those days. We are told that in a table (which seems to have been a Customs table and list of freight rates combined) there is set in writing that masters 'May not carry away any merchandise not comprised in the foresaid orders, under pain of death, and that all goods which they carry with them, they ought to carry the same registered, under pain of death.'"

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Shihing	22.2	21.9
Tsingyuen	17.2	17.4
Samshui	13.3	13.2
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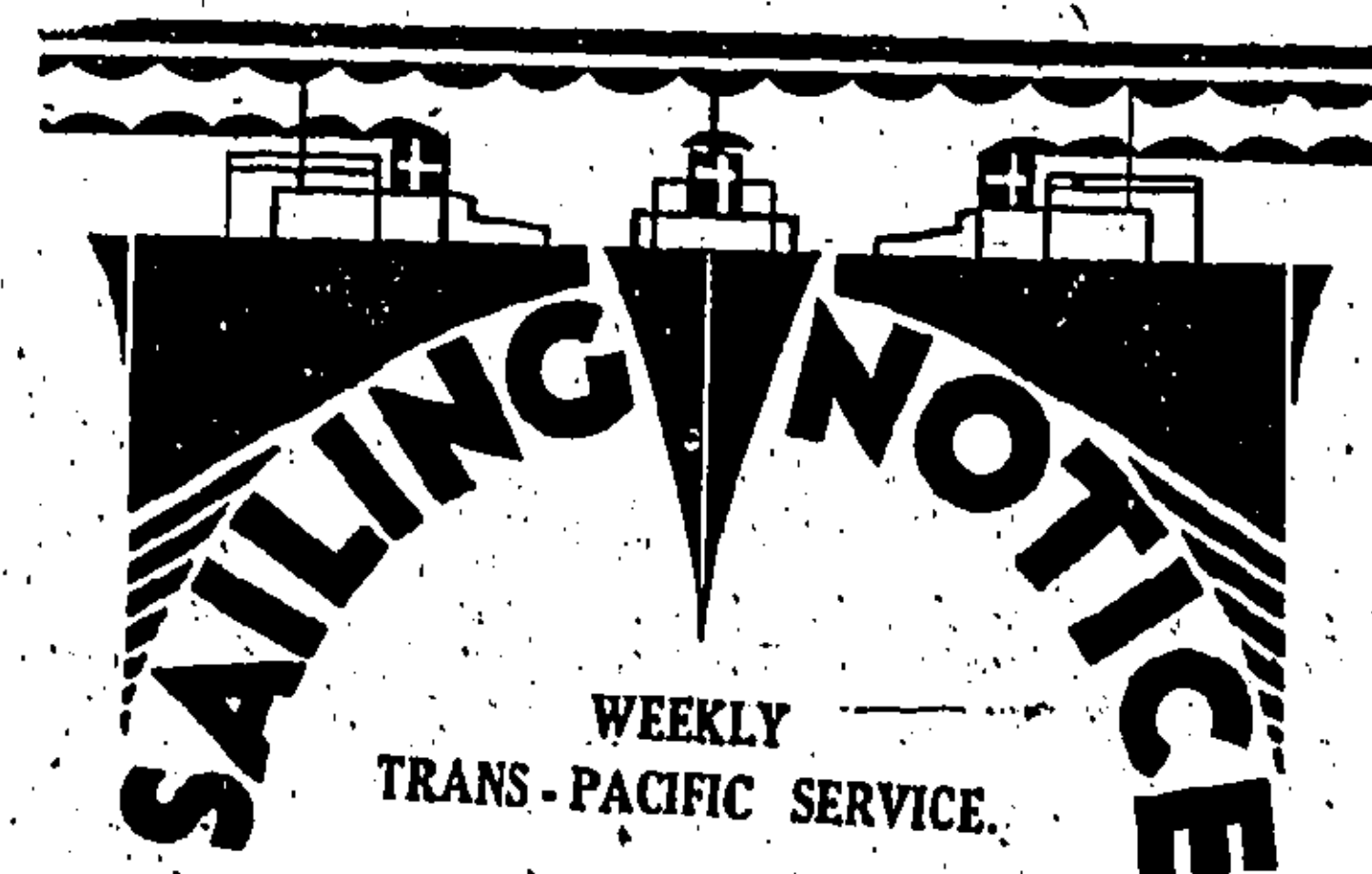
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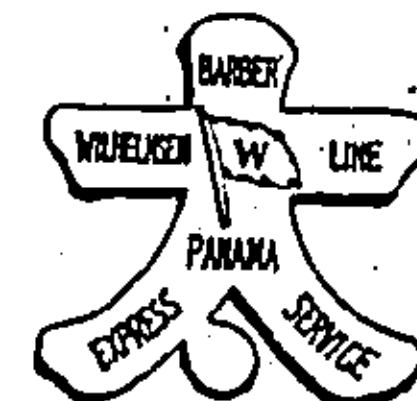
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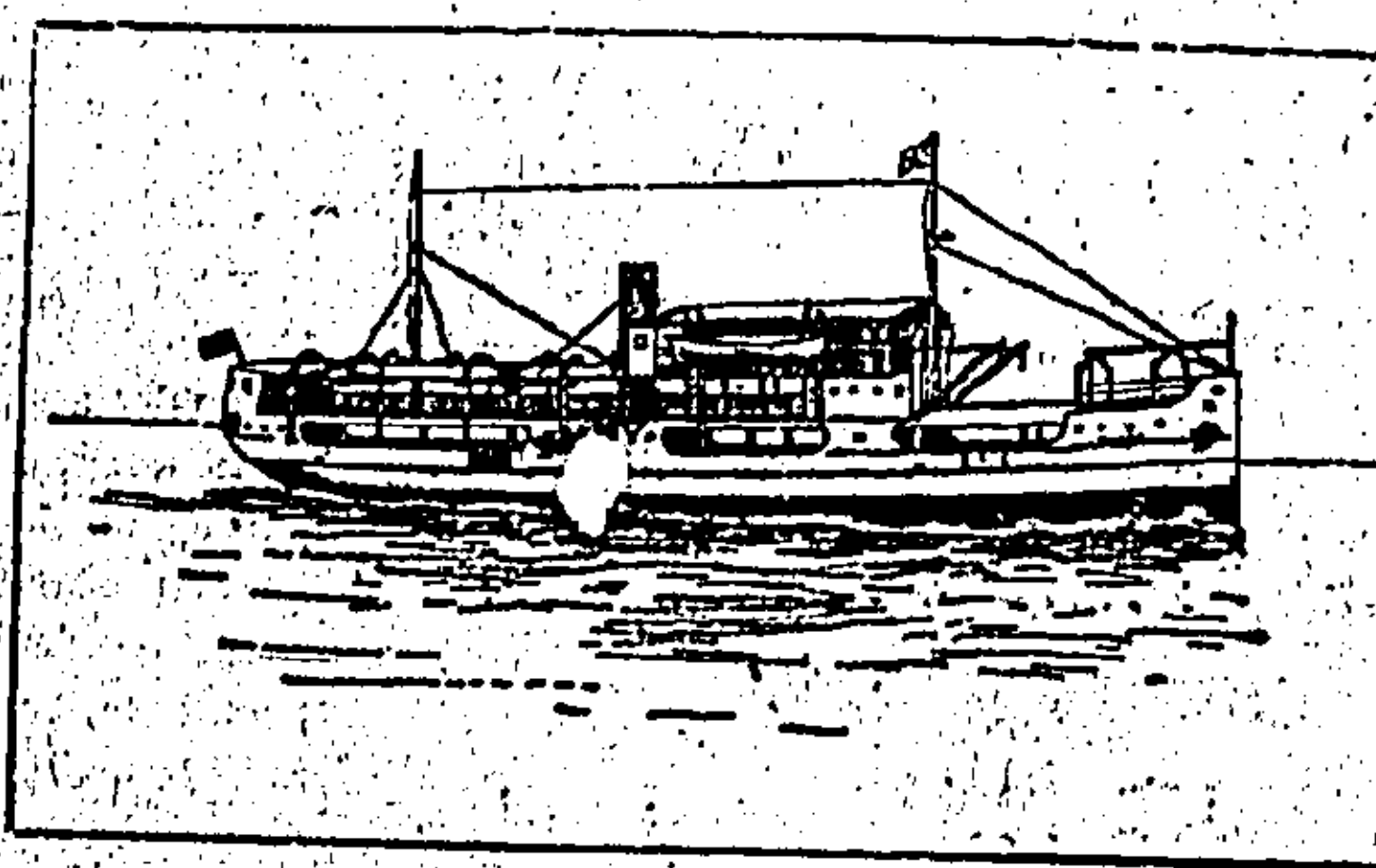
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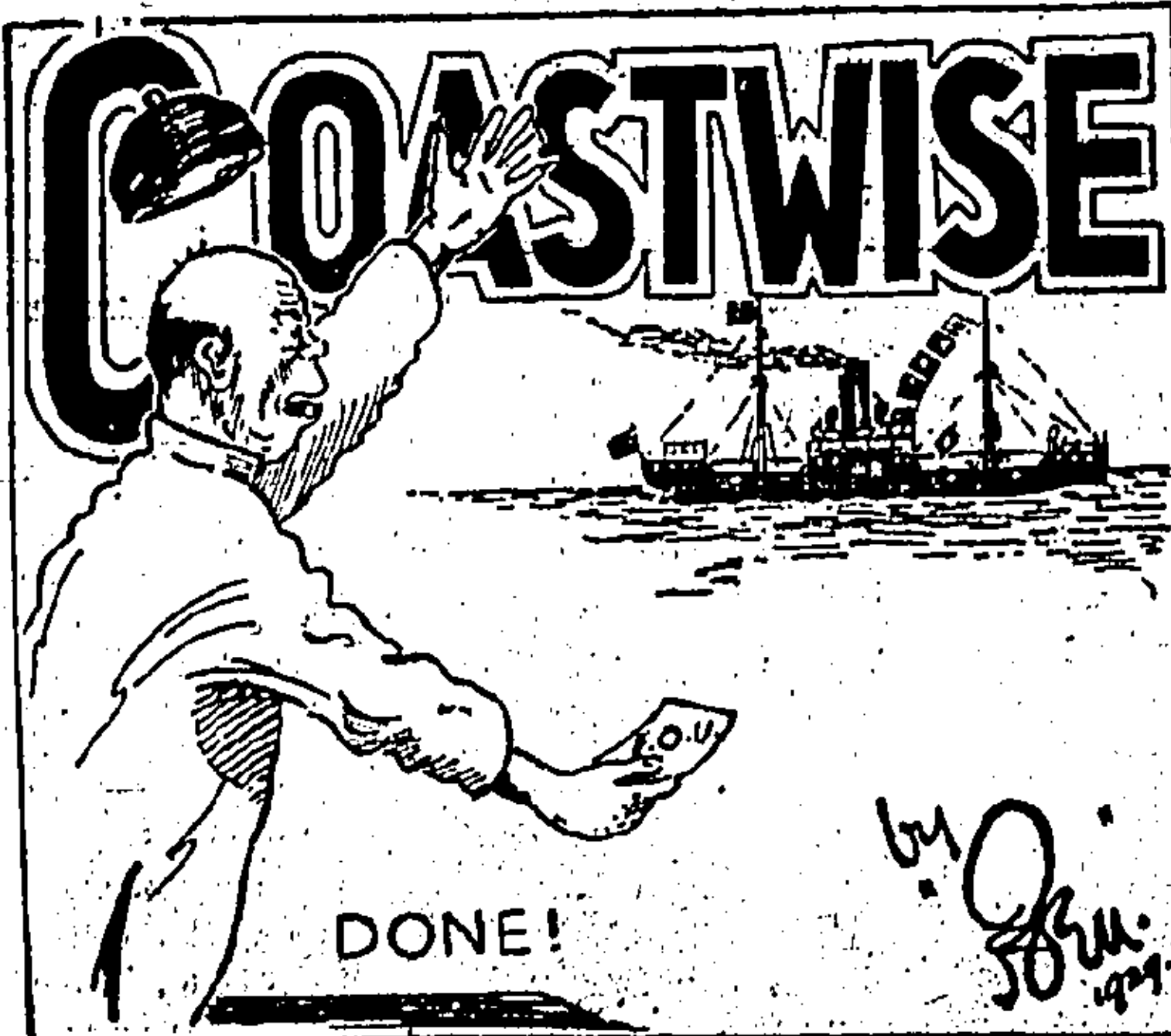
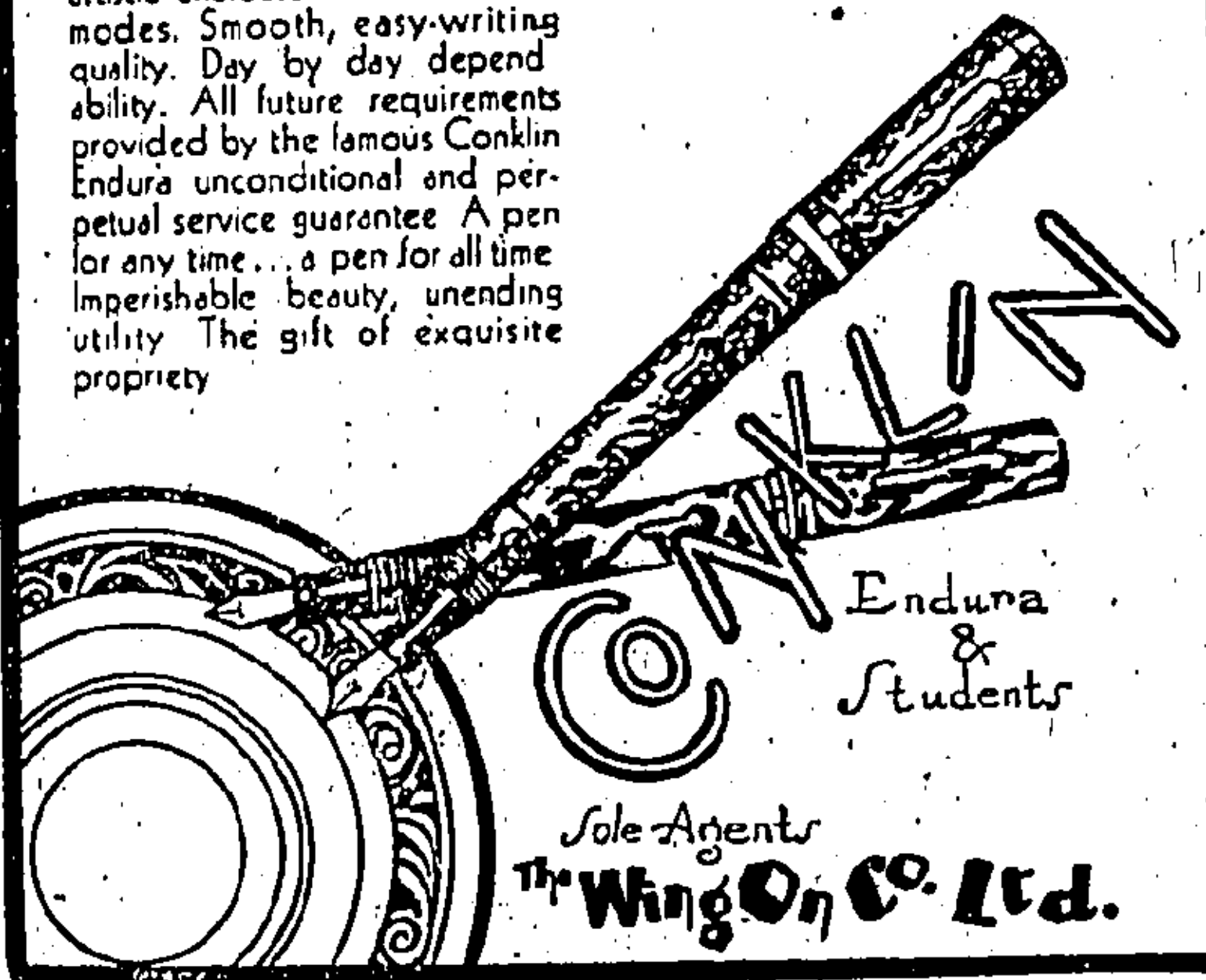
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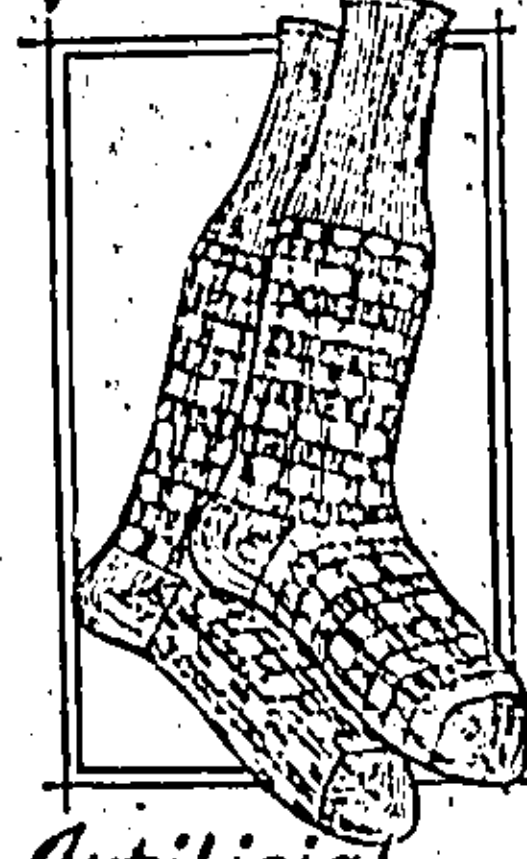
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Government Finance.

At a moment when this Colony is concerned with the subject of retrenchment in the administration of the Government it is interesting to have the views of people elsewhere who are faced with rather similar problems. An Australian exchange has been commenting on the increasing cost of administration, higher taxation, and bigger public debt, the latter being increased in ten years by 60 per cent. against an increase of only 20 per cent. in the population. In Western Australia alone State taxation rose in ten years from \$12,000,000 to \$31,000,000 annually—about \$7/6 per head to \$5/2/7. Total taxation climbed from \$8/16/9 to \$14/0/0. The West Australian newspaper asks: "Has the value of the services which we receive from the Government increased in anything like this proportion?"

Our contemporary points out that the problem of economising is the more difficult because once the flow of Government expenditure cuts a new channel for itself, it is very difficult to dam that particular stream without causing hardship and further loss. A road or railway, however unprofitable, once built must be maintained or allowed to deteriorate, and there is loss either way. A new sub-Department in the Public Service is created and staffed, or an established branch expanded, and however little gain there may be for its activities in proportion to the cost of them, that Department must be maintained at its full establishment,

or else its members, some of them men of some standing and seniority, must be dismissed and thrown, helpless on to an overcrowded labour market, after serving on terms which, to some extent, implied security of tenure. Economy is not possible merely by a pruning of dead branches. It nearly always means cutting into living, even if inert, tissue. This tendency of public expenditure to become permanent imposes on Governments, to a greater degree than on private individuals, the obligation to consider the future development of any line of expenditure that they initiate.

The taxpayer, when bad times come, turns naturally but rather unreasonably on those who have had the task of spending his money—the Civil Servants—and in a rather vengeful spirit demands sacrifices from them. The spirit is unreasonable, but the demand is not. The man in the street may complain of these officials as a child may have a grudge against parents who have spoiled him, but that does not absolve him from responsibility for his own heedlessness and wilfulness. The Civil Servant has been doing what he was told. He does not exceed authority. The public servant who attempted to check the Head of a Department would risk leaving behind his office doors a briefly respected memory.

The reasons for a reduction in the cost of the spending departments are two. First there will be less money spent, and therefore less for the personnel to do. A private concern, wishing to remain solvent in a time of reduced activity, must either dismiss some of its employees or "ration" the work and the amount available for salaries accordingly. It is neither humane nor economical to dismiss Public Servants, and then recruit probably less competent officers when full activities are restored. The best way to economise is to "ration" work and salaries. We have quoted much and paraphrased in parts what our Australian contemporary has written on the subject because of the striking similarity in some respects to the position of the cost of administration in the Commonwealth and in Hong Kong.

News in Brief.

One case of typhoid fever was reported yesterday.
The annual meeting of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals will be held on Friday at noon, in the Board Room of the Chamber of Commerce.

On and after August 25, interest on Savings accounts in the National City Bank of New York will be allowed at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on minimum monthly balances not exceeding H\$10,000.

Government passengers leaving for Home on the P. and O. liner Rajputana on Saturday, include Mr. C. H. G. Bradley (Audit Office); Capt. H. F. Bloxham (Prison Dept.); and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Wyatt (Harbour Office).

Pleading guilty to the larceny of a plate of iron from a marine store dealer at Tung Kun Street, Lo Yin was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning sentenced to one month's hard labour. Accused had been banished in 1913 following a term for larceny. That deportation order had expired.

Wong Tuk was sent to prison for a term of four months at the Kowloon Police Court this morning when he admitted the larceny of a jacket from a hawkers' stall at Dundas Street. Inspector Marks stated that he was trying to wear the garment when arrested by a policeman. The man had a previous conviction in March.

A Chinese, who admitted the theft of fourteen pieces of clothing, and \$2.50 in money from a matchless in Shamshuipo district, in which he had formerly lived, was at the Kowloon Police Court this morning sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. Whyte-Smith. It was stated by Sub-Inspector Hourihan that accused entered the matchless by an open door. He was arrested on suspicion.

CORRESPONDENCE

SUSPENSION OF CURRENT.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—It may interest your readers to know the cause of the partial shut down of current in Hong Kong last night which was in no sense due to an engine fault. Owing to the intrusion of tens of thousands of small fish, which managed to get through the strainers, the salt water intake supply to the condenser of the running turbine became completely blocked, and consequent on the failure of condenser water the turbine was unable to carry the load, which at this time, viz. 8 p.m., is heavy. It was therefore necessary to cut off certain sections of the supply, but the trams and important sections were maintained continuously. Further turbines were put on load in about 1/4 of an hour and the full service established.

Yours, etc.,
J. DOUGLAS BUTCHER.
Manager
Hong Kong, August 13.

COWARDLY THEFT.

The smart sentence of twelve months' hard labour with 24 strokes of the birch was passed on Li King by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for snatching a gold mounted bangle from the wrist of a child, who was on its mother's back.

Sub-Inspector M. H. Hourihan stated that the mother was buying fish in the Shamshuipo market when the thief came from behind and wrenched the bangle from the child, who was, fortunately, unhurt. Defendant had previously served three weeks for larceny in May.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

Revenue Officer Thomas Tallon to-day charged before Mr. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy, an unemployed Chinese with the unlawful possession of 8 taels of raw opium. It was stated by the officer that the opium was found in a specially made waistcoat, which accused wore when he came off the Canton express train yesterday. His Worship imposed a fine of \$240 with the alternative of one month's jail. The drug was confiscated by order of the Magistrate.

A BEGGAR BOY.

On re-appearance before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith this morning of a Chinese who pleaded guilty to mendicancy yesterday, Sergeant P. Barnicle intimated that it was of no use sending the boy to the Street Boys' Club or any other institution because he had no intention of learning a trade. He would be sent back to Canton. The Magistrate intimated that it would be very likely that the mendicant would return and, on the suggestion of the Sergeant, sent the boy to prison for seven days.

LAUS AND UNS.

ALLEGED LOAN OF
\$50,000.

EVIDENCE FOR DEFENCE.

The case in which the Lau family and the Un family are disputing over an alleged loan of \$50,000 was continued this morning at the Supreme Court before Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C.

A witness called by the defence stated that the accounts between the Kung Yuen firm, the Hop Woo firm, and Lam Loong were the same. In the case of the latter, who are rice exporters from Saigon, all accounts between the partners would appear in the books of the Kung Yuen firm.

Another witness called by the defence stated that \$50,000 was at one time owing to the Uns, but it had since been liquidated. The case is proceeding.

MR. T. C. CHAO.

COSTLY BRASS COFFIN
PROPOSED.

POSTHUMOUS HONOURS.

Shanghai, July 25.
The China Merchants Steamship Navigation Company to-day appropriated \$10,000 for the funeral expenses of Mr. Chao Tieh-chiao, the Managing Director who was assassinated on Thursday morning. The company also has established an office to make funeral arrangements for the bereaved family.

The Shanghai Municipal Council has offered a reward of \$3,000 for the capture of the assassin or assassins and \$1,000 to any one who can give information leading to the arrest and conviction of the offenders.

An inquest was held on the body of Mr. Chao at the municipal mortuary this morning. As a result of several injections, the body can be preserved intact for 15 years, according to the authorities of the Red Cross Hospital, where Mr. Chao succumbed. The family is considering the purchase of a 1,800-tael brass coffin. Mrs. Chao told relatives that the savings of her husband are only sufficient to last the family for three months. Influential friends have wired the Nanking Government, recommending that posthumous honours be accorded to the deceased with an appropriate pension to his family.

It is stated that several days prior to the murder on Thursday Mr. Chao received an anonymous letter, threatening him with bodily harm.

The Shipping Company is now considering organization of a special committee to run its affairs pending the appointment of another Director by the Nanking Government. It is reported that Mr. Yu Yah-ching, prominent local merchant, will serve on the committee.—Kuo Wen.

SCALDED BY BOILING METAL.

Two Chinese, Wong Ping-wo (24), boiler scraper, and Wong Kam (16), apprentice, both of the Hop Yik Iron Foundry, of Pine Street, Talkoktsui, were yesterday afternoon admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from serious burns about the body. They were scalded through a boiler overflowing while they were engaged in boiling metal. Besides their burns, the victims suffered considerably from shock, and are both in a serious condition.

CYCLING IN CIRCLES.

Inspector Marks, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged a Chinese boy with riding his bicycle in circles in Nathan Road near Wing Sing Lane. The lad pleaded guilty. The Inspector informed Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith that the defendant was cautioned by Police Constable T. J. Hemsley, but he continued to make circles. He was arrested.

The Magistrate—I have a good mind to give you a beating for this. I will caution you this time.

THE USUAL "FRIEND."

In imposing a fine of \$18 on a Chinese at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of the unlawful possession of tobacco on which duty had not been paid, Mr. Whyte-Smith pointed out that it was not the value but the duty which mattered. The man stated that another man whom he did not know and could not find had given him the tobacco to carry to the Po Tak wharf, where he was to await the arrival of the "friend."

BAND CONCERTS.

LAST ONE RESULTS IN
LOSS.

BALANCE SHEET.

The fourth of the series of Band Concerts arranged by the Kowloon Residents' Association, at Government request, will take place, weather permitting, this evening, at 9 p.m., at the Kowloon Football Club. The last concert was a great success in every respect, except one. We are informed that it was a financial loss. It is true that the K.R.A. is not looking for any financial profit, but it certainly has no desire to run them at a loss. There is no extravagant expenditure will be obvious to anyone who will take the trouble to cast his eye over the brief statement of accounts, which is given below. Nor would there have been any loss if everyone had risen to the modest demand of 20 cents for a seat with the same readiness that was shown on the occasion of the first concert. It is significant that on that occasion 873 persons paid for seats, whereas, at the last concert, which appeared to be equally well patronised, only 294 paid for their seats. It is believed by the Committee of the K.R.A. that, if the public clearly understand that these Band Concerts cannot be continued without their cordial support, they will gladly do their bit. Consequently, at the forthcoming concert, it will be arranged that admission by the main entrance, in the centre of the grand stand, will be by ticket only (20 cents unreserved and 50 cents reserved). Free admission will only be obtainable at the side gate, and it is hoped that there will be scarcely any need for that gate to be opened.

There is a reason for stressing the financial aspect of these concerts because the Government, when asking the K.R.A. to organise the series, wrote in these terms:—"This Government is willing to leave the organisation of the concerts in the hands of your Association, and to provide an initial subsidy of not more than \$200 per concert for six concerts, although it is suggested that the concerts might well become self-supporting." As will be seen, it is only an initial subsidy that is promised and self-support is held out as a future possibility.

Statement of Accounts—Band Concert, July 23, 1930.

Expenditure.	
Printing & Advertising	\$23.50
Printing Programmes	15.00
Chair Hire	70.00
Remuneration to ticket-sellers	12.00
Band Fee	250.00
Refreshments for Band	28.00
	\$396.50

Receipts.	
Credit Bco. Brought Fd.	\$17.05
294 seats, @ 20 cents	58.80
172 reserved seats, @ 50 cts.	86.00
Fee for advertisement on programmes	15.00
Sale of Programmes	16.50
Government Subsidy	200.00
Debit Balance	3.15
	\$396.50

The "weather this week has a more settled aspect and there is good hope that the concert will not need to be postponed. It may also be mentioned that we have heard that the Band of the Somerset Light Infantry will be augmented and that a programme has been arranged which is well fitted for an open air performance.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail," August 13, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 4/14d.

The police have received a report that a Chinese Shroff employed in the Comptroller Department of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank absconded yesterday afternoon with \$22,000.

It appears that \$22,800 in notes of various denominations was paid into the bank by a Chinese customer shortly before the 11th hour. The shroff received the money, and instead of paying in the money to the cashier, he handed over \$800 in notes and some worthless cheques for the remaining \$22,000.

He was never seen again, and the Police are out making investigations.

Ten Years Hence.

[From the "China Mail," of August 13, 1940.]

The Government has decided to appoint a Librarian of long experience of Carnegie Libraries at Home to take over the duties at the City Hall Library.

The traffic authorities intend to devise yet another new scheme to relieve the congestion at Kowloon Point.

POLICE STATION TRAGEDY.

HOW MRS. MADGWICK WAS KILLED.

Evidence at Inquest.

Interest in the Lok Ma Chau tragedy which was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindsell and a Coroner's special jury yesterday afternoon, was centred on the medical evidence given by Dr. J. T. Smalley. From observations he made in the back sitting room where the body of Mrs. Dora Winifred Madgwick was found, the doctor formed the theory that she was murdered whilst she was leaning against the bathroom door, apparently attempting to prevent her quarters being invaded by the murderer. From holes in the door panel it was clear that five bullets were shot through it, and three of them struck the unfortunate lady's head. Death was instantaneous.

The amah employed by the murdered lady said that she saw an Indian come on to the back verandah and fire two shots in the direction of the bathroom. "Sergt. Madgwick's boy," whilst hiding in the amah's room, heard five shots fired in quick succession, the reports came from the direction of the bathroom.

DEFENDING BATHROOM DOOR.

An Huen, servant employed by Sergt. Madgwick, gave further testimony yesterday concerning an Indian constable whom he saw talking about the Station, holding a rifle in his hands, and firing as he moved about from place to place. Witness did not know the name of this Indian, and in his evidence, he invariably employed the term of "murder" in referring to the identity of this Indian.

An Huen said: "The next I saw of the Station guard (the constable on duty at the Station at the time) was when he came through the back gate. He had no revolver in his hand and had reached about the middle of the compound when the other two Indians came in through the same gate. One of these latter two was the murderer. He was holding a rifle in his hand, and as soon as he appeared through the back gate he fired one shot with it, in the direction of the passage running outside the charge-room.

A Wounded Indian.

"The Station guard then rushed into the Station and switched on the alarm bell. I saw the murderer enter and turn up the inner stairs leading up to Sergeant Madgwick's quarters. At that moment, I could also see the other Indian, Constable B.D. enter through the back gate. He was holding his hands to his stomach, and on reaching a point five or six feet from the Indians' cook-house, collapsed, rolling about on the ground and groaning.

"I then heard another shot fired inside the Station in the direction of the top of the inner stairs, where the murderer had gone up. He reappeared a minute later through the passage door and on to the back verandah of the first floor and then fired two shots in my direction but over the roof.

"I then saw my mistress appear through the inner door of the pantry, the outer door of which, leading into the dining room, was open. I waved her back and she withdrew. I closed the outer door and went into the amah's room and shut myself therein with the amah.

Shots in Bathroom.

"About three minutes later, some four or five shots were fired in quick succession. The reports came from the direction of the Sergeant's bathroom, the door of which was ajar. Five minutes later, I again heard some more shots, but could not say where they were directed, as I had hidden myself under the amah's bed and covered myself up. At intervals from that hour on, I heard more shots fired.

"About dark I heard the cover over the wooden bucket in the native latrine under me being lifted and then replaced, the sound being repeated twice. At 8 o'clock or so, I heard the voice of the Indian Lance Sergeant raised in a shout uttered in Hindustani and also heard the Indian interpreter replying. I heard and saw nothing more after that until the arrival of the Police party.

The Coroner: Even when the Inspector General came in at 11 o'clock you did not come out? You still remained for another three hours under the bed?

Witness explained that the Police party did not actually come upstairs to where he was lying, until 1 a.m.

Saw "Murderer" Clean Rifle.

Mr. T. H. King: On that afternoon did you see any Indian constable cleaning his rifle? Witness: Between 4.30 and 4.40 that afternoon I saw this Indian who turned out to be the murderer, holding a rifle with bayonet unfixed by the flagstaff.

What was he doing with it?—He was cleaning it with a rag. Did you know what he did with the rifle afterwards?—I did not. At that time was he by himself or was anyone else with him?—He was alone.

After you ran into the room, were you interfered with by the murderer or by anybody else?—I was not molested in any way at all, either by the murderer or by anyone else.

Dr. J. T. Smalley, Medical Officer, in charge of the Kowloon Hospital, said that at 7.40 p.m. on July 21 he received a telephone message to go to Lok Ma Chau. He got there at 8.45 and entered the station at about 11.40.

The first body that he found was that of Mrs. Madgwick. It was lying on its back in the back sitting room. The head was against the door of the room leading through to the bathroom.

From the temperature of the body and the rigor mortis death must have taken place between five and six hours previously. In the panels of the door leading from the bathroom to this room were five bullet holes.

Terrible Injury.

On a small teapoy close to Mrs. Madgwick's feet was a considerable portion of her brain. On a chair due east from this there was also some brain, and beyond the chair, more brain. Bits of skull and brain were scattered all over the floor.

The inner southern wall, the one overlooking the compound, was all spattered with brain and blood. From this the doctor surmised that Mrs. Madgwick must have been standing with her left shoulder against the bathroom door, and facing due north when she was shot from the other side of the door. She was stooping very little at the time.

From the fact of the southern wall being spattered it would appear that the whole of the back of Mrs. Madgwick's head was blown off from due north. Only one bullet could have done it.

On the east wall of the room were pieces of Mrs. Madgwick's hair. From this the doctor received the impression that the body must have remained upright and received two more bullets in the head before it fell. It was difficult to realise this but the evidence was there.

Third Bullet Fatal.

On the mantelpiece there was brain, also under the mantelpiece, which was in the corner of the two walls. It was most probable that the third bullet was the one which took away the back of the skull, otherwise he could not understand why the body had remained upright. The first two bullets must have only skimmed the head, taking bits of hair to the east wall. Death was instantaneous.

Continuing, witness said that from examination made then, he was satisfied that no attempt had been made to abuse her. The post-mortem examination revealed nothing that would add further to the evidence.

The body of Mrs. Madgwick, together with those of P.C. Dalip Singh and Chajja Singh, were identified at the Kowloon mortuary by Sergeant Brennan.

The second body that witness saw at the Station was that of Dalip Singh (the "amok") which was lying on its back on the front verandah of the first floor. He was then dead. Witness thought that death must have taken place less than five hours previously. The body was warmer than that of Mrs. Madgwick, but rigor mortis was more advanced. This could be explained by the fact that the

man had been running about previous to his death. It was well-known that in battlefields the first to fall took longer to get into a state of rigor mortis. Others who fell after a lot of exertion and excitement would come into that state almost immediately.

The "Amok" Injury.

There was a large wound in the head, which carried away the cavity of the right eye and the surrounding bone. The posterior wall of the skull immediately behind this was carried away with the greater part of the brain. No other wound was discovered at the post-mortem examination. Death was due to a bullet wound in the skull and haemorrhage. The wound must have been caused by a bullet fired at very short range and could have been self-inflicted. Death was instantaneous as a result of that wound. A rifle was by the side of the body.

The third body that witness saw was that of Chajja Singh. It was in an alley-way of the ground floor on the westerly side near the north-west corner of the compound. Death resulted from a bullet wound in the abdomen. He could not have died at the time he received the wound.

Shot From Behind.

The entry wound was two inches to the left of the middle line of the back and at the level of the third lumbar vertebra. The exit wound was three inches to the right of the middle line of the eleventh intercostal space—in other words between the tenth and eleventh ribs. This body was the warmest of the three. Bleeding was inter-abdominal. A man with such a wound would live longer, therefore witness calculated that death took place four hours previously at the most, although he would have been unconscious long before that. There was very little external haemorrhage. The post-mortem examination showed that he was shot at right through, and the liver was badly lacerated. Death was due to a bullet in the abdomen and haemorrhage. Witness emphasised that the man was shot from the back and probably delayed two hours before he died.

"Might Have Lived."

In reply to Mr. Lindsell, Dr. Smalley said that it was quite possible that if assistance had arrived an hour earlier Chajja Singh might have lived. Mr. King: Can you say whether the wound in Chajja Singh was caused by a rifle or revolver bullet?—It is a bigish wound but I really cannot say definitely, though my impression was that it was caused by a rifle. The Foreman: Do you consider that the wound in 543 (Dalip Singh) could have been other than self-inflicted?—It is quite impossible. It was self-inflicted and fired at absolutely point blank range.

What the Amah Saw.

Ip Chu-mui, Mrs. Madgwick's amah, said that the Sergeant (her master) went out at 2 p.m. and Mrs. Madgwick accompanied him to the gate and turned back. At 5 p.m. witness was in the other Sergeant's (Gardiner's) kitchen, when she heard a shot fired some where outside. She came out of the kitchen and looked out of the window into the compound. The "boy" was also on the verandah. Witness saw an Indian constable take two paces into the compound and then fall to the ground. A little later she saw another Indian constable with a rifle in his hand come out of the passage into the verandah overlooking the compound. She saw him fire two shots in the direction of the bathroom. She went into her room with the "boy" and shut the door.

Just before the Indian with the rifle appeared she saw her mistress at the dining room verandah door. Her mistress did not speak to her but went into the sitting room. Later she heard three more shots.

The inquiry was then adjourned until next Friday at 2 p.m.

'BUS FATALITY.

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned at an inquest held on a woman who was killed by a bus in Shanghai Street, Yaumatei, on July 22.

Mr. Whyte-Smith conducted the inquiry, and explained to the jury that he thought in this case the medical evidence could be dispensed with. There was no question of negligence or recklessness on the part of the driver, and it was a matter of routine more or less that the inquiry was held. The present case was one of those accidents which would occur to persons with little traffic sense.

The jury agreed and returned the verdict as stated.

WOMAN'S "LACK OF TRAFFIC SENSE."

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.
To-day—Queen's Theatre, "South Sea Rose," and the "Montmartre Folies."
To-day—Star Theatre, "New York."
To-day—World Theatre, "The Life of a Tichun," (Chinese picture).
To-day—Majestic Theatre, "His Tiger Lady."
To-day—Central Theatre, "Love Parade."
To-day—Public Band Concert, Kowloon Football Club Ground, 9 p.m.
To-morrow—Y.M.C.A. Concert, 9 p.m.

Sports

See Special Sports Diary on page 8.
Lammerts' Auctions.
August 12—At 26, Praya, Kennedy Town, 177 bags of Siam White Broken Rice, 3 p.m.
August 16—At 16 Godown, China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., Kennedy Town, 5814 pieces timber, 11 a.m.

Meeting.
August 15—Kowloon C.C. extraordinary meeting, 5.30 p.m.
Home Malls.
To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Mantua); from Europe via Siberia (Witram).

ROUND THE CINEMAS

'SOUTH SEA ROSE' ON TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

PASSION-MAD GIRL.

Allan Dwan, one of the directors of Fox Movietone, whose latest production, "South Sea Rose," starring Lenore Ulric, goes on view at the Queen's Theatre to-day, was jumps ahead of his contemporaries when the all talking innovation swept Hollywood.

Dwan was educated at Notre Dame, studying engineering, and the intricacies of sound reproduction failed to alarm him. Later he had a post-graduate course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and subsequently worked a term as an instructor in electrical engineering.

"South Sea Rose" reveals Miss Ulric as a half-caste, passion-mad girl from the tropics plunged into civilisation. A prominent supporting cast lists a number of favourite players, including Charles Bickford, Kenneth MacKenna, Tom Patricola, Elizabeth Patterson, Farrell Macdonald, Ilka Chase, and George MacFarlane.

'THE LOVE PARADE.'

What is love? This question can never be answered although poets and philosophers alike have sung it times without number. This indescribable something which is called Love permeates throughout the screening of "The Love Parade" at the Central Theatre yesterday. One could not help feeling romantic when seeing this superb production, and those whose romance had been shattered must have yearned for the opportunity to live it over again, while to those young lives where love had as yet played no part, the feelings must have been one of regret, because human nature is so perverted that "it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."

Then the all important question crops up. "How to deal with woman?" Daughters of Eve are funny creatures, and Jeanette MacDonald, who plays the leading role in this talkie, is no exception, but she finds her match in Maurice Chevalier, who as the prince consort, warms his way to this woman's heart by "treating her rough."

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How these two flirt and how they pledge their truth must be seen to understand. And then just as everything is going on smoothly with the lovers, Jeanette the Queen, must mount on her high horse and assert her dignity. Maurice resents this attitude and finds life in a palace most irksome. He rebels and proves the truth of the saying that one does not appreciate the value of what one possesses until one has lost it. Jeanette soon realises this and then the fun starts. To see her chasing after her man from floor to floor and room to room is the right antidote for these days of depression.

"The Love Parade" is brimful of mirth and music. There is a sweet hit in every song. Then there is also the redoubtable Lupino Lane and his eccentric dancing. This picture is one to be seen, and the management of the Central Theatre is to be congratulated on extending the showing of this excellent picture to Friday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of August, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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ALICE MEMORIAL AND AFFILIATED HOSPITALS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Hospitals will be held on FRIDAY, August 15th, 1930, at 12 Noon, in the Board Room of the Chamber of Commerce.

BUSINESS.—
(1) To receive report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1929.
(2) To approve the general estimates of expenditure for the year 1930.
(3) To elect the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the General Committee who shall, ex officio, be members of the Executive Committee.
(4) To elect five other members of the General Committee, of whom three shall be Chinese and two other than Chinese, to serve on the Executive Committee.

F. R. ASHTON, Secretary.
Hong Kong, August 12th, 1930.

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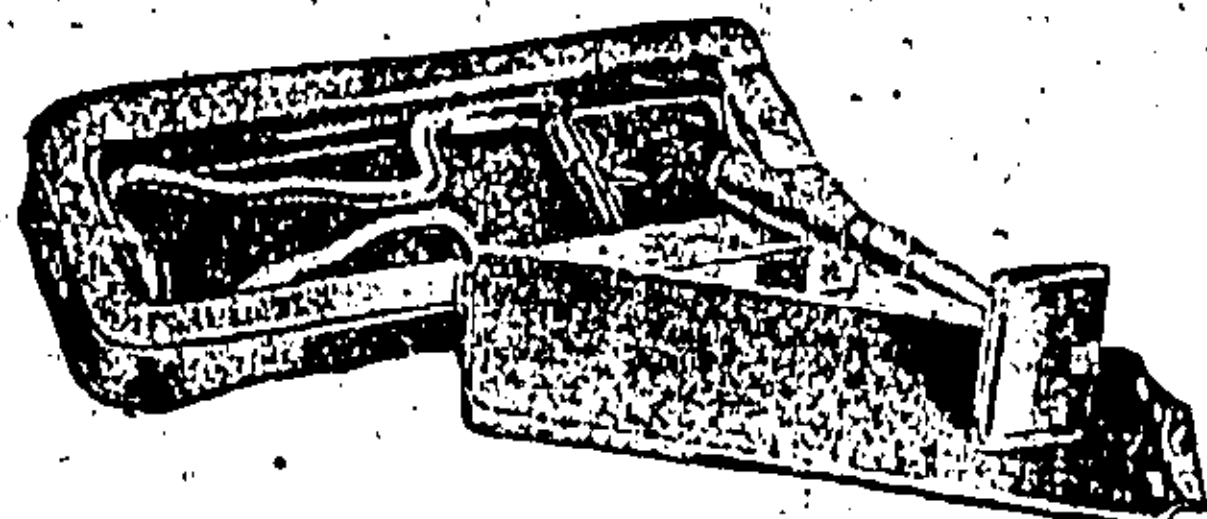
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Sport Columns

SOMERSET BEAT GLAMORGAN.

White and Young Cause Collapse.

YOUNG 4 FOR 3.

Weston-super-Mare, Yesterday.
Glamorgan supplied Somerset with its second win of the season, when that county lost by 163 runs. The home side batted first and scored 194. Glamorgan were soon in difficulties and White (4 for 23) and Young (4 for 3) were responsible for their dismissal for 76 runs.

Somerset increased their lead to 292, Davies E., capturing 5 second innings wickets for 24 runs. The visitors were dismissed again for 135, White taking 6 wickets for 32 runs.

Scores:—
Somerset: 194 and 179.
Glamorgan: 76 and 134.

—Reuter.

CHAMPIONS DEFEAT LEICESTER.

Splendid Bowling by S. Staples.

NINE WICKETS WIN.

Nottingham, Yesterday.
The Champions succeeded in defeating Leicester by nine wickets in a low scoring game. The visitors batted first, and compiled 143, Larwood's express yielding him 5 wickets for 56 runs. Notts, against the steady bowling of Astill (6 for 93) scored 219.

Leicester could not cope with the bowling of Sam Staples and were dismissed a second time for 121. Staples took 7 wickets for 24 runs. Requiring 46 runs for victory Notts won by nine wickets.

Scores:—
Leicester: 143 and 121.
Notts: 219 and 48-1.

—Reuter.

LANCS TOO SLOW FOR WORDS.

Visitors Soon Dismissed at Manchester.

BELETED DECLARATION.

Manchester, Yesterday.
Lancashire, although causing a startling collapse in the Hampshire first innings, were unable to force a win. Lancashire scored 203, Boyes claiming half their wickets for 74 runs. Hampshire found the "express" slow combination—Macdonald and Tyldesley—too good for them, and were all out for 78. Macdonald took 5 wickets for 40 runs and Tyldesley 4 for 27.

Lancashire declared their second innings too late, no further play taking place.

Scores:—
Lancashire: 203 and 142-8 dec.
Hampshire: 78.

—Reuter.

TOURISTS DRAW AT NORTHAMPTON.

Centuries by Woodfull and Richardson.

TALL SCORING.

Northampton, Yesterday.
Continuing their innings to-day the Australians, advanced their total from 96 for 1 to 405 for 8. W. M. Woodfull and V. Y. Richardson both scored 118 runs. At the close of play the Australians held a lead of 249 runs with two wickets in hand.

Scores:—
Northants: 249.
Australians: 95 and 405-8.

—Reuter.

KENT'S LUCKY ESCAPE AT HASTINGS.

Three Centuries for Sussex.

KENT FOLLOW ON.

Hastings, Yesterday.
Sussex, with a formidable score to support them, were unfortunate in not forcing a win in their match with Kent.

The home side took first use of the wicket and scored freely, three batsmen reaching their centuries. When nine-wickets had fallen and the score-board showed 560 runs the closure was applied. Kent failed to save the follow on despite a great effort by Crawley and Woolley, who scored 74 and 93 respectively. Tate claimed four wickets at an average cost. Following on 311 runs in arrears Kent at the close of play were still 147 runs behind with half their wickets in hand.

Scores:—
Sussex: 560-9 dec.
Kent: 249 and 164-5.

—Reuter.



A. P. F. Chapman (Kent and All-England), who after capturing nine England sides and winning six out of the nine matches, has been passed over for the fifth Test match at the Oval.

YORKSHIRE ENFORCE THE FOLLOW ON.

Sutcliffe and Leyland in Good Form.

ONLY FIVE POINTS.

Leeds, Yesterday.
Yorkshire, on winning the toss, batted for the useful total of 352, Sutcliffe and Leyland, two England cricketers, were responsible for 138 of those runs. Mitchell bowled well, and came out with the fine figures of 5 wickets for 92 runs.

Derby failed to avert the follow on, Verity taking half their wickets for 32 runs in a total of 123. Following on, Derby, at the close of play had lost four batsmen and were still 100 runs behind the Yorkshire total.

Scores:—
Yorkshire: 352.
Derbyshire: 123 and 129-4.

—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

At Lord's—M.C.C. v. The Army.
At Southend—Essex v. Kent.
At Cheltenham—Gloucestershire v. Surrey.
At Nottingham—Notts v. Northamptonshire.
At Sheffield—Yorkshire v. Glamorgan.
At Southampton—Hampshire v. Middlesex.
At Weston-super-Mare—Somerset v. Warwickshire.
At Leicester—Leicestershire v. Lancashire.

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE.

	P.	W.	1st Inns.	No	Runs	Pts.
	L.	W.	L.	W.		
Lancashire	22	7	0	8	5	123
Yorkshire	23	9	2	4	8	5
Nottinghamshire	23	7	1	5	4	121
Gloucestershire	23	11	1	2	5	117
Kent	23	9	5	5	4	106
Sussex	25	6	4	6	8	106
Surrey	24	3	2	11	5	100
Derbyshire	27	7	5	8	5	98
Leicestershire	22	5	3	8	6	96
Warwickshire	24	4	7	9	4	80
Gloucestershire	24	4	7	7	5	80
Warwickshire	24	4	8	5	8	78
Northamptonshire	28	2	6	7	0	77
Middlesex	23	4	8	2	4	70
Hampshire	24	2	8	2	8	65
Somersetshire	22	2	11	5	2	62

The system of scoring is as follows: 3 points for an outright win, 2 points for a win on first innings, 4 points in the event of a tie, and 1 point for a draw, and 3 points for the county which has lost on first innings.

BASEBALL.

RESULTS OF LEAGUE MATCHES IN UNITED STATES.

New York, Yesterday.
The results of the games played to-day in the National and American Leagues are as follows:—

National League.
Pittsburgh 8 Philadelphia 7
Pittsburgh 8 Philadelphia 3
Chicago 3 Brooklyn 2
St. Louis 4 Boston 2

American League.
New York 6 Detroit 5
Philadelphia 9 Cleveland 1
Philadelphia 7 Cleveland 0
Washington 5 Chicago 4
Boston 5 St. Louis 4

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TENNIS.

HONG DOUBLES COMMENCED AT THE H.K.C.C.

The Hong Doubles Tournament, organised by the Hong Kong Cricket Club has started and three matches were decided yesterday. The results were:—

F. Thorogood and H. Graves beat J. D. Humphreys G. E. R. Dwyer 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; L. Goldman and G. Miskin beat W. M. Barton and A. D. Humphreys 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Dr. L. T. Ride and D. M. MacDougall beat J. E. Henry and R. A. E. Watson 6-1, 6-3.

The most noteworthy feats accomplished in the matches just concluded are appended below:

BATTING.

Sandham (Surrey)	158*
Cook (Sussex)	154
Bowley (Sussex)	136
J. Parks (Sussex)	119
W. M. Woodfull (Australians)	116
V. Y. Richardson (Australians)	116
Woolley (Kent)	93
Leyland (Yorkshire)	86
Bakewell (Northants)	84
Timmins (Northants)	78
A. M. Crawley (Kent)	74
H. Parks (Sussex)	66
A. Jackson (Australians)	52
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire)	52
Ames (Kent)	51

* Not out.

BOWLING.

Parker (Gloucester)	9-44
Staples, S. (Notts.)	5-33
W. W. C. Jupp (Northants)	6-32
J. C. White (Somerset)	6-32
Gover (Surrey)	4-23
Astill (Leicester)	6-30
Davies, E. (Glamorgan)	5-24
Verity (Yorkshire)	5-22
Macdonald (Lancashire)	5-20
M. J. C. Allom (Surrey)	5-23
Larwood (Notts.)	5-23
Boyes (Hampshire)	5-24
Mitchell (Derby)	5-32
Young (Somerset)	4-3
Tyldesley, R. (Lancashire)	4-27
Goddard (Gloucester)	4-29
P. M. Hornbrook (Australians)	4-45
Tate (Sussex)	4-55

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

At Northampton:—
Northants: 249.
Australians: 93 and 405-8.
Surrey won by an innings and 171 runs.
At the Oval:—
Surrey: 419-8 dec.
Middlesex: 125 and 128.
Gloucestershire won by ten wickets.
At Cheltenham:—
Warwick: 120 and 107.
Gloucester: 201 and 29-0.

Drawn.
At Hastings:—
Sussex: 560-9 dec.
Kent: 249 and 164-5.

Drawn.
At Leeds:—
Yorkshire: 352.
Derby: 123 and 129-4.

Somerset won by 163 runs.
At Weston-super-Mare:—
Somerset: 194 and 179.
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Hampshire: 78.

—Reuter.

LAWN BOWLS IN RETROSPECT.

Craigengower's Win Over Civil Service.

A SURPRISING MARGIN.

(By "Short Head.")

At last the Craigengower Cricket Club and the Civil Service League competition and as a result have parted company at the head of the table. In the Second Division, however, the Civil Service gained full points against the Kowloon Bowling Green Club with whom they are once more on level terms. The following brief notes will show how the matches went:—

DIVISION I.

Craigengower C.C. v. C.S.C.C.
Bradbury was drawn on the first rink against Gregory and led 7-1 at the sixth head. At the ninth head the lead was reduced to 8-4. At the ten interval the score was 12-7 in Bradbury's favour. On resuming he scored 1 and 5 whilst Gregory, though individually playing a very fine game, scored only two singles thereafter and went down by 25-9.

Omar was up against Brown and the first sixteen heads were fairly level, there being ties at the ninth, eleventh, fourteenth and sixteenth heads, when the score was 12-12. Thereafter Omar got a quintette of 2's as against only a single for Brown, giving the former the victory by 20-13. The highest score was a 3 on each side.

Basa had Grimmit as opponent and had a 5 on the third head, which gave him a lead which he held to the end. The smallest margin at any time was when the scores stood 12-9, at the eleventh head. Basa had another 5 at the 19th head and won by 24-17.

K.B.G.C. v. Police R.C.

The Bowling Green Club won by 72-58.

Holland had West as opponent and led by 12-0 at the fifth head. At the 12th head West had reduced the margin to 14-13, but Holland scored on the next five heads, increasing his lead by 26-13 and eventually winning by 30-19. Holland had a couple of 6's in his score, whilst West had a couple of 4's.

Guy, who was up against Post, led at the sixth head by 7-4, but the scores were level at the ninth and twelfth heads. Guy scored only four singles thereafter and Post won his first game of the season by 18-14.

McTavish was pitted against Hargreaves. The latter opened with a 4 and a 3 and led at the sixth head by 9-4. The next five heads, went to McTavish; Hargreaves scored a single; and McTavish monopolised the next four heads, eventually winning by 28-21. McTavish's highest score was a five on the 13th head.

C.C.C. v. Club de Recreo.

The result was a draw: 66-66. Lyal was drawn against Marques, the latter leading by 9-3 at the sixth head. The play was fairly even up to the 18th head when Marques led by 18-15, but the last four heads favoured Lyal, who won by 22-18. Lyal had five 3's and Marques one 3.

Fraser was pitted against Ribeiro and led at the fifth head by 11-0. At the tenth head he led by 18-7, at the fifteenth head by 19-13, and won the game by 28-16. Fraser had three 4's and Ribeiro one 4.

Against Luz Silkstone was down 9-1 at the sixth head and 27-5 at the fourteenth head. Silkstone got a quartette of 4's in rapid succession, but was eventually defeated by 32-18. Luz had one 5 and one 6.

K.D.R.C. v. Talkoo R.C.

The Kowloon Dock won by 78-48, thus reversing last year's result when they lost by 58-53. Gray was opposed to Wotherpoon and piled on the big score of 34-8. Lapsley had a closer game against Wallace, the margin in his favour being 18-17. Cullen also succeeded against Wallace, his score being 26-18.

DIVISION II.

C.S.C.C. v. K.B.G.C.

The C.S.C.C. won by 60-49. Haynes was drawn against Royle, but after the latter opened the scoring with a 3 he scored on only five heads and lost by 23-10. Haynes had four 3's and Royle two 3's.

Archibald, who was pitted against Drake, opened his account with a 5 but in the end won by only 20-13. In fact he was 16-12 to the bad at the fifteenth head, after which Drake scored only a couple of singles.

Holland was drawn against Davidson, the score being level at the ninth head (9-9) and 16th

head (14-14). At the 20th head Davidson led by 18-17 but a 3 on the last head gave him a win by 2-17.

Club de Recreo v. Electric R.C.

The Club de Recreo won by 73-33. Silva was drawn against Paul and won by 25-13. The highest score was a 5 for Paul, whilst Silva had a couple of 4's.

Basto beat Musket by 27-10. His highest score was a 5. Alves beat Duckworth by 21-10. The highest score was a 4 for Duckworth.

Talkoo R.C. v. K.C.C.

The Talkoo Club won by 83-31. Duncan was drawn against Herridge, the latter scoring on only five heads, and losing by 30-8. The highest score was a 4 for Duncan.

Walsley accounted for Labrum by 25-13. The highest score was a 6 for Walsley on the very last head.

McKechnie overcame Blackburn by 28-10. The former had a trio of 4's.

Yacht Club v. C.C.C.

The Yacht Club won by 62-54. Chapman beat Zimmern by 26-14. The highest score was a 6 for Zimmern on the initial head.

Macfarlane went down to Cavanagh by 26-13. The latter had a 5 on the ninth head. Shields defeated Carr by 23-14. Shields had a 6 on the 19th head.

FOOTBALL COUNCIL.

Only formal business was discussed at the Council meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday.

The League Management Committee will meet shortly to arrange the fixtures for the forthcoming season.

Our Sports Diary

LOCAL

Water Polo—To-day—Division I.—Chinese Bathing Club v. Navy.

Friday—Division I.—R.A. v. Kowloon.

Lawn Bowls—Saturday—Division I.—Civil Service v. Kowloon Dock R.C.; Club de Recreo v. Craigengower C.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. Police R.C.; K.B.G.C. v. Talkoo R.C.; Division II.—Craigengower C.C. v. Club de Recreo; Electric R.C. v. C.S.C.C.; Yacht Club v. K.C.C.; Talkoo R.C. v. K.B.G.C.

Racing—September 27—Seventh Extra Race Meeting. October 10 and 11—Eighth Extra Race Meeting.

Football—October 1—Entries close for Challenge Shield.

Aquatics—September 6—Entries close for Police Reserve Race at Police and Prison Departments aquatic sports.

September 13—Police and Prison Departments Aquatic Sports, V.R.C.

Lawn Tennis—To-day—Mixed Doubles—University v. K.C.C.; Club de Recreo v. C.R.C.

HOME

Cricket—August 16-20—Fifth Test Match, The Oval, London.

POPE ON MALTA.

"A QUESTION OF THE GRAVEST IMPORTANCE."

In his first statement on the Maltese question, the Pope referred to the Vatican's relations with Britain.

Speaking somewhat guardedly at a Secret Consistory at the end of June, he said:

"We have always remained most friendly and conciliatory in our relations with the powerful British monarchy, relations which I would wish to see even closer."

"The question of Malta is of the gravest importance, bearing as it does, so far as concerns us, on deep religious interests—in other words, on the rights of God and conscience. The present storm is not raised by the Holy See or by the bishops of Malta."

"The restoration of calm and peace has been made impossible despite a rightful, sincere and very real desire on our part, as well as on the bishops'—because of the conduct of persons, and of facts altogether outside our will and, indeed, contrary to the interests of the Catholic religion, which is under our supreme Apostolic charge."

"We must exercise care, and our responsibility is all the more serious because it concerns people so profoundly Catholic, as the Maltese."

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List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day:—Carignano, Oanfa, Doric Star, Sarita, Tando, President Jefferson, Limchow, Allpore, Chinese Prince, Kojin Maru, Canton Maru, President Grant, Deli Maru, Hong Peng, Mantua.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per
Amoy	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.
Japan	Tuesday, August 13.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, July 17 and Parcels, July 10)	Thursday, August 14.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, July 25)	Friday, August 15.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, July 24)	Friday, August 15.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, July 26)	Sunday, August 17.
Manila	Monday, August 18.
Manila	Tuesday, August 19.
Australia and Manila	Friday, August 22.
Straits	Saturday, August 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, July 25)	Sunday, August 24.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.	
Samshui and Wuchow	Kong So 4 p.m.
Hoihow	Lima 5 p.m.
Saigon	Helikon 5 p.m.
Amoy and Japan	Talma 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14.	
Straits	Cremere 9.30 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 3 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15.	
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Mantua 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Sui Sang
	Parcels Aug. 15, Noon
	Letters Aug. 15, 1 p.m.
	Hai Yang 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Rajputana (Due Marseilles, Sept. 12.)
K.P.O. G.P.O.	
Parcels Aug. 15, 4.30 p.m.	Parcels Aug. 15, 5 p.m.
Registration Aug. 16, 9 a.m.	Registrations Aug. 16, 9.45 a.m.
Letters Aug. 16, 10 a.m.	Letters Aug. 16, 10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16.	
Straits & Calcutta	Tilawa
	Parcels Aug. 16, 12.30 p.m.
	Letters Aug. 16, 1.30 p.m.
	President Lincoln 4.30 p.m.
Manila	Kwangtung 5 p.m.
Amoy	Cheong Shing 5 p.m.
Foochow via Swatow	
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17.	
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, AUGUST 18.	
Shanghai	Sphinx 2.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	President Grant (Due Victoria, B.C., Sept. 5.)
	Parcels Aug. 18, 3 p.m.
	Registration Aug. 18, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters Aug. 18, 5 p.m.
	President Grant
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Registration Aug. 18, 5 p.m.
	Letters Aug. 18, 6 p.m.
Amoy	Kut Sang 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.	
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Kitano Maru (Due Thursday Island, Sept. 1.)
	Registration Aug. 19, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters Aug. 19, 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Philoctetes (Due Marseilles, Sept. 19.)
K.P.O. G.P.O.	
Registration Aug. 19, 1 p.m.	Registration Aug. 19, 1.45 p.m.
Letters Aug. 19, 1 p.m.	Letters Aug. 19, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe	
*Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of Asia (Due Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 6. and *Europe via Siberia.)
	Parcels Aug. 19, 5 p.m.
	Registration Aug. 20, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters Aug. 20, 10 a.m.

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Mussolini's Aim for Italy.

An appeal urging the Italians to wear straw hats, and containing obscure threats against "those who go about bareheaded," has been published by Signor Mussolini's organ, "Popolo d'Italia."

This appeal is made in view of the crisis which threatens the straw hat industry in Italy, in consequence of the new tariff reform in the United States.

"Egoists," concludes the appeal, "who do not feel inclined to participate spontaneously and earnestly in the noble cause are social outcasts."

Big Industry.

In Italy over 100,000 workers, mostly women, are employed in the straw hat industry.

Two-thirds of these skilled workers are now threatened with unemployment.

Manufacturers are again suggesting this year that the Government should compel the Italians to wear straw hats this Summer.

Already a "battle of the straw hat" is suggested, and if this battle actually takes place, the streets of Italy may turn out to be for some time not exactly the safest place for "those who go about bareheaded."

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

"THE BEST IN THE WORLD."
SIR H. MAYBURY.

Sir Henry Maybury, speaking on transport at the Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute at Margate on June 25, said the great services which cheap, safe and rapid transport could render to the cause of public health were not generally realized.

We had in Britain the best organized and best operated main line railway system in the world. The mileage of railways was 20,000 and of first-class roads 25,500.

In recent years the motor vehicle had become a serious competitor with the railway, and he hoped it was a good augury for the future that there was likely to be a correlation and co-ordination of interests of road and rail transport, which, if properly understood, should result in benefit to both. Transport costs and duplication of services would be

AMERICAN VIEWS OF INDIA.

Gandhi's Illicit Salt and the Boston Tea Party

At the East India Association recently, Lord Burnham presiding, Mr. Rushbrook Williams lectured on American opinion on Indian unrest.

He said, Gandhi's solemn manufacture of illicit salt and the famous Boston tea party proved too tempting to be passed over by large sections of the American press.

Several editorials, including papers of considerable influence, took as their text the statement that Britain lost America through tea and was about to lose India through salt.

A resolution was to be introduced into the Senate recognizing the belligerent rights of Indian insurgents; but neither this nor the previous independence resolution had the slightest chance of passing. It is becoming recognized with increasing force that the situation is so complicated that any clear cut antithesis between Gandhi as leader of the Indian nation and the British Government representing jealous imperialism is entirely fallacious.

The great gain from Britain's point of view recently has been the tendency in quarters which originally condemned Britain to suspend judgment until after the Round Table Conference. If the present trial is successfully surmounted, friends of Britain in America would be augmented and opponents diminished, but if, through any failure of British statesmanship, the Indian problem is allowed to become aggravated, there was real risk of India gradually assuming the position of a dividing force between Britain and America so long unhappily occupied by Ireland.

reduced and avoided with advantage to the travelling community. They had a wonderful asset in 179,000 miles of public highways, but it carried with it a road bill of about \$80,000,000 per annum, the ratepayers being responsible for about half that amount. That would appear to represent a cost of about 18s. per capita per annum.

They had, said Sir Henry, a very valuable possession in their road system, and it behooved them to see that this system was judiciously and advantageously developed, keeping pace with the requirements of the public.

CONVICTS BID FOR LIBERTY.

Rope Ladder Thrown Over Prison Wall.

London, July 4. While the convicts of Wandsworth Prison were at morning exercise the warders suddenly saw two men dash from the quad and make for a twenty foot wall which the fester of the two men, Turner, managed to climb.

The other was caught, but Turner, who had the assistance of outside accomplices, with the aid of a rope ladder was successful in making one of the smartest escapes from prison on record.

The accomplices drove up to the house beside the prison just before eight o'clock and a man alighted, taking a window-cleaner's ladder into the garden of the house. He placed it against the wall which separates the garden from the prison exercise-yard, and threw over the rope ladder.

The exact minute for the execution of the coup had evidently been precisely fixed for a few seconds after Turner appeared on the top wall he was assisted over by a man on the ladder and the two rushed into a waiting car which drove at top speed as the prison bell-pealed.

The other man Sparks was felled by a warder's truncheon as he was trying to mount the rope-ladder.

It is believed that Turner and Sparks communicated with each other in prison by a system of signalling through tapping metal mugs. Both were members of a motor bandit gang described by the Common Sergeant at the Old Bailey last May as "very dangerous," and both were undergoing sentences of five years' penal servitude and five years' preventive detention.

GREAT RECORD.

30,000 BOYS AND GIRLS MADE USEFUL CITIZENS.

"It is, indeed, a wonderful record to have worked for 37 years for the benefit of the less fortunate young people in our big towns, and during that time to have trained nearly 30,000 boys of our Empire," said H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught speaking at the annual meeting of the Shaftesbury Homes and "Arthurs" Training Ship, held in London.

THE KISS BURGLAR.

THIRTY MAIDENS ON HIS LIST.

A ROMANTIC YOUTH.

George's Porgie, pudding' and pie, Kissed the girls and made them cry.

When the boys came out to play George Porgie ran away.

This is the story of a Japanese youth who saw motion picture stars kiss and thought it must be a lot of fun. He experimented—and now is serving a 25-day jail sentence.

This George Porgie of Old Yamato, it seems, had heard of a book called "The Kiss Burglar." He also had become exceedingly interested in the new Japanese word, "ero," which is a contraction from the English "erotic." He determined to become a kiss burglar and, some weeks ago, embarked upon his precarious career.

Kiss Highwayman.

Shoichi Toyama (an assumed name the police announced) had a bicycle. He also had a list of 30 girls whom he intended to kiss. For a time he had an easy task. He would see the maidens of his choice walking along the street.

He would mount his bicycle, ride ahead and lie in wait. As they passed his hiding place he would leap out, kiss them and escape, riding down an alley. The police began to receive complaints from young ladies used to less vigorous manifestations of male esteem.

George Porgie, pudding' and pie, Kissed the maidens passing by. When the girls began to squeal George vanished on his wheel.

One by one the 30 names in the little black notebook acquired their check marks. For a 16-year-old kiss burglar, Shoichi was doing fairly well. But one case proved exceedingly difficult. The next girl on the list was the daughter of a wealthy man and never was to be found walking along the street. She came and went in a glittering sedan. For days Shoichi haunted the neighborhood, hoping to catch her unaware. No luck. He at length resolved to take matters into his own hands. One night about a month ago he broke into the girl's home and stole softly upstairs to her room.

The pale moonlight filtered through the lace screen of trees outside the open window. The lady of the evening lay, quietly sleeping, unaware that a romantic little boy, 16 years of age, had entered what the old-time poets would have called her bower.

Becomes Cocksure. Shoichi, hardened young sinner, stole his kiss. Apparently he made it a good one, for the girl awoke and yelled murder. Shoichi ran away, making his escape with considerable difficulty.

This experience made the kiss burglar too sure of himself. He began to operate too boldly. The other morning at 10 o'clock, in broad daylight, he made his final attempt, the one which was to prove his undoing. The girl did not scream. Instead, she took a good look at him and called the police. The police got busy and Shoichi was arrested. He turned out to be the son of a medical instrument manufacturer of Ueno.

George Porgie, pudding' and pie, Kissed, a girl who didn't cry. A policeman heard her hail And George Porgie's now in jail.

S. Okuyama in the Japan Advertiser.

ARCHDUKE IN JAIL.

INDICTED ON CHARGE OF LARCENY.

New York, July 12. Archduke Leopold has surrendered his bail, and is now lodged in the Tombs Prison.

He wants the case settled promptly to facilitate his return to Austria, where his brother, the Archduke Rainer, has just died.

The Grand Jury on April 23 indicted Archduke Leopold of Austria on a charge of larceny in the first degree, in connection with the sale of a New York Jeweller of a diamond necklace, valued at \$50,000, belonging to the Archduchess Maria Theresa of Austria.

Mr. C. F. Townsend and his wife were also indicted in connection with the same case.

The necklace was a gift from Napoleon to the Empress Marie Louise.

Mr. Townsend, who described himself as an ex-Colonel in the British Secret Service, formerly held power of attorney from the Archduchess to sell the necklace.

Witnesses alleged that the power of attorney was cancelled, nevertheless Mr. Townsend sold the necklace for \$12,000, of which the Archduchess received only \$1,454.

The Archduke Leopold is alleged to have admitted that he received commission on the sale.

"ELECTRIC MAN."

PUZZLE FOR MINING ENGINEERS.

BURIED BAGS.

Johannesburg, June 11. Keen interest continues to be manifested in scientific and mining circles in Rhodesia, in the semi-official tests to which Mr. F. Stone, commonly known as the "electric man," is being subjected.

Mr. Stone attracted attention in England by demonstrations of an unusual gift of ascertaining the presence of metals underground by means of a divining rod, used in much the same manner as in the case of water-divining. He was induced to come out to Rhodesia by a prominent citizen of Gatooma interested in mining enterprises, and his powers have since been tested by experts with remarkable results.

Mr. Stone attributes his powers to the fact that his body contains "to super-charge of electricity," which necessitates his constantly wearing thick rubber soles to his boots. Some while ago a series of experiments was conducted under the supervision of officials of the Government Geological Department.

Buried Bags Of Gold. The "electric man" was set to locate buried bags of gold. Six bags, three containing granite and three containing soil in which were placed lumps of gold ore, were secreted with the tops of the bags open. Equipped with his usual apparatus—a large clock spring—Mr. Stone proceeded on his quest, and it is indisputable that the spring began to twist and oscillate violently as he passed over the bags containing the gold.

As a further test, unknown to the diviner, the Head of the Geological Department buried a number of silver coins in various parts of the grounds, and Mr. Stone discovered all of these with one exception. The undiscovered coin had been placed beneath a flattened match box, and Mr. Stone explains his failure in this instance as being due to the wooden box acting as an insulator.

A theory advanced by the experts is that with his "super-charge of electricity," Mr. Stone's body contains the property possessed by the electrical instruments used in modern methods of mineral divining and thus establishes definite electrical contact between the hidden metal and the clock spring.

MANSION FIRE. "THE FRIARS," NEAR MAIDSTONE.

Maidstone, June 30. The greater part of "The Friars," a well-known country mansion at Aylesford, about four miles from Maidstone, was destroyed by fire in the early hours of this morning.

The house is on the site of a Carmelite monastery, founded in the year 1240 by Sir Richard de Grey of Codnor on his return from a crusade in the East, and there are remains of the original monastic buildings.

Sir Martin Conway, writing in County Life in 1923, said that few places in England offered such good examples of the work of so many generations or so picturesque and harmonious a grouping of various styles. A walled-up cloister, an interesting refectory, and some other features, date back to the fifteenth century; the courtyard is largely a sixteenth-century remodeling of older buildings, while seventeenth-century reconstruction gave harmony and distinction to the front of the house.

The first European chapter of the Carmelite Order was held at Aylesford in A.D. 1245. When the Priory was dissolved the buildings became the property of Thomas Cromwell, but were transferred to Sir Thomas Wyatt, of the neighbouring Ailington Castle. Later, Queen Elizabeth gave the lands to John Sedley, and much of the mansion, as this generation has known it, was due to his ownership. More recently it has been in the possession of the Earls of Aylesford, and the present occupier, Mr. Copley de Lisle Hewitt, who last year was High Sheriff of Kent, has held a tenancy for 25 years.

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HOOK & MATTHEWS' EXPERIENCES.

Chewing Gum to Stop Petrol Leak.

EARLIER TROUBLES.

The Australian airmen, Hook and Matthews, whose flight to Australia ended when their machine crashed on the Burmese hills about a week ago, had encountered more than their share of troubles during the earlier stages of the flight.

They landed at the Calcutta aerodrome on July 1 with only a few drops of petrol left in the tank of their Gipsy Moth plane.

They left Allahabad at 7.40 a.m. and arrived at Dum Dum at 3.25 p.m. after one of the worst "hops" they have yet experienced. Head-on winds reaching 40 m.p.h. worried them, and from Gaya onwards they had continually to dodge heavy rainstorms that prevented their flying higher than 200 feet.

Mr. Hook told the Statesman that when they started the flight from England, they had only just qualified for their pilot's licences, having flown solo for no more than three and a half hours each. Mr. Hook, who is an Australian, was in London on business when he suggested the flight to Mr. Matthews, who is a ground engineer. The plan was that Mr. Hook should pilot and Mr. Matthews look after the machine, but the latter agreed also to qualify for his pilot's licence, which, incidentally, Mr. Hook himself had not yet obtained. After qualifying, they flew to Paris and back, and then took the machine to Sag Lane, where extra petrol tanks were fitted. On June 20, they left Lympne.

"Our object," stated Mr. Hook, "was merely to attempt a record flight for a light aeroplane carrying two people and an overload of petrol. If we found we were doing anything like Hinkler's time, we agreed to try and break his record. At Karachi, we were actually half a day ahead of his time, but we lost a day at Allahabad. However, we were the first two people to reach Karachi from England in seven days in a heavily laden aeroplane of the Moth class. Our total load was about 2,000 lbs."

Trouble with the gravity petrol tank—the cause of the delay at Allahabad—has dogged the aviators throughout.

"A hundred miles south of Paris," explained Mr. Hook, "the tank burst and all we could do was to land. The country was the worst imaginable for the purpose, but after an hour's cruising we had the good fortune to strike an aerodrome, which had been opened only the previous week. The fault repaired, we went on to Lyons, stayed the night there, and on the 21st we made for Marseilles, whence we crossed to Catania, Sicily."

"That, I believe, is the longest non-stop crossing made in the Mediterranean by a light aeroplane with two passengers on board. We took 7 hours 40 minutes in covering the 700 miles."

Fired at by Arabs. "From Catania we went to Benghazi, from there to Cairo and from Cairo to Gaza. We were told that the desert track to Baghdad was easy to find, but after searching in vain for it we turned back and came across some Arabs who let fly at us with their rifles. Then we struck a railway line which we followed to Aman, one of the R.A.F. aerodromes."

"The squadron-leader there told us that aviators flying from England to Australia should be instructed to stop at Aman, instead of trying to get direct to Baghdad. The reason he gave was that if they halted for directions at Aman they would not get lost and it would not subsequently become necessary to send an expedition which probably would never be able to find them in the desert."

"We proceeded to Baara via Baghdad. A sandstorm arose as we were nearing Baara and we flew above the place for an hour and a half before finding the R.A.F. aerodrome, on which we were not entitled to land. However, the commanding officer was decent enough to have the customs officials brought there from the civil aerodrome."

"We found the authorities at Baara next day less complaisant. They said we had no right to land on Persian territory and I had to go miles into the town and see a higher official, whom, after a two-hour argument, I persuaded to let us proceed. But at Jask the Persians insisted on locking us up in quarantine for the night. One of the English residents sent us some food."

Chewing Gum Falls. "In taking off at dawn we discovered a crack three inches long in the gravity tank. We tried to stop it up with chewing gum, but that wasn't a success and through a leakage of petrol we lost two hours' flying. Consequently, we reached Karachi with only three hours' fuel left."

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OPIUM SMUGGLING.

ATTEMPT TO BRIBE AGENT IN MANILA.

ARREST OF CHINESE.

Manila, Aug. 8.

A bold attempt to land 258 tins of opium valued at approximately P5,000, was frustrated yesterday afternoon by Major Silvino Gallardo, chief of the secret service division of the bureau of customs, who was aided by several of his agents.

With the confiscation of the contraband, which was landed from the s.s. Tando, of the Eastern and Australian Steamship Company, Major Gallardo and his men also effected the arrest of Long Hua Chan, 44, Chinese carpenter, of 349 Elcano, the alleged smuggler.

According to Major Gallardo, Long boarded the s.s. Tando shortly before noon yesterday and later left the ship to confer with a customs secret agent. Long offered to bribe the agent who was to effect the safe transfer of the prohibited drug from the ship to his automobile, which was to be waiting at Legaspi Landing.

The customs agent reported the matter to the secret service chief. He was instructed to comply with the request of the Chinese. Upon being informed that the agent was willing to co-operate with him, the Chinese once more boarded the ship to leave final instructions with a Chinese member of the crew on board who brought the opium.

Meanwhile, Major Gallardo completed his plans for the capture of the contraband and of the Chinese smuggler. He did not wish to raid the ship for fear that the contraband might be cleverly concealed and that the search of the vessel might prove fruitless.

Accordingly, Major Gallardo posted an agent at Legaspi Landing and stationed himself at some distance from the place. Shortly before 2 p.m. the Chinese who was alleged to be the importer of the contraband, drove to the landing in his automobile and stopped in front of the place. He remained in his car.

The customs agent later appeared with several packages, which he delivered to the Chinese. The Chinese took the packages and was about to leave in his car when Major Gallardo and his other agents appeared and arrested him. The packages, numbering 52 were found to contain 258 tins of opium, each tin containing a tin of the prohibited drug.

Taken to secret service headquarters, at the bureau of customs, Long alleged that he did not know the contents of the packages which were delivered to him. He claimed that he went to the s.s. Tando to meet a relative of his who is a member of the crew of the vessel.

Discounting the allegations of the Chinese, Major Gallardo ordered him detained at the Farola station. A further investigation of the case will be conducted to-day after which the matter will be referred to the city fiscal for criminal action.

The origin of the opium consignment could not be determined as the ship which brought it here came from Australian ports, via Indukan. The vessel arrived early yesterday morning. It is believed in the bureau of customs that the opium originally came from China but that it was not landed here when the vessel called at Manila en route to Australia.—Manila Bulletin.

Amelia: "I don't see Charlie wearing that necktie you gave him." Ophelia: "Oh, the dear boy said its beauty would be for no other eyes than his own. Wasn't that sweet of him?"

minutes' supply of petrol left—and the monsoon was just breaking. As we cruised over the mooring mast of R.100 the plane struck an air pocket and the shock sent us so far out of our cockpits that we could see over the centre section tank, and the front joy stick, came out of its socket."

The airmen made Karachi on Friday night. At 6 a.m. they left for Jodhpur and, finding they could not reach Allahabad that night, stayed at Jhansi. The plane's arrival there was totally unexpected, and when the airmen came down the only people to meet them were 500 coolies. Mr. Hook borrowed a bicycle and rode 6 miles to a place where he was able to arrange for a police guard for the plane.

On Sunday they reached Allahabad, but in attempting to come on to Dum-Dum the same day the fliers encountered a 40 m.p.h. wind and took an hour and 35 minutes in covering 80 miles. Monday saw them trying to make a fresh start, but the shock caused by their striking the propeller into action sprung another leak in the gravity tank. The Bengal Flying Club was telephoned to send a spare tank from Dum-Dum, and this was put on the Delhi express at 3.45 p.m. and at 6 p.m. on Tuesday it was at Dum-Dum.

They landed at the Calcutta aerodrome on July 1 with only a few drops of petrol left in the tank of their Gipsy Moth plane. They left Allahabad at 7.40 a.m. and arrived at Dum Dum at 3.25 p.m. after one of the worst "hops" they have yet experienced. Head-on winds reaching 40 m.p.h. worried them, and from Gaya onwards they had continually to dodge heavy rainstorms that prevented their flying higher than 200 feet.

IN THE CUSTOMS.

INVESTIGATOR LEADS A DOG'S LIFE.

AN ANONYMOUS LETTER.

Manila, August 4.

With the suspension of two more examiners of the appraisers' division of the bureau of customs, ordered by the insular collector of customs last Saturday, Carrillo, chief appraiser, revealed yesterday unexpected developments which followed in the wake of the investigation of the appraisers' division.

When Vicente Aldanes, insular collector of customs, decided to order an investigation of the customs division, he designated Mr. Carrillo as chief investigator, with the chief accountant of the bureau and the secret service division of the customs bureau co-operating. Since the day he was appointed chief investigator of the appraisers' division, Mr. Carrillo conducted a thorough probe of his division in an effort to weed out undesirables.

Upon being informed of the recent order suspending Vicente Salazar and Mariano Eguia, two examiners of the textiles section of the appraisers' division, Mr. Carrillo spoke on unusual developments which followed his investigation of his division. The two examiners last Saturday were given 48 hours in which to answer charges filed against them, in which it was alleged that they connived with local importers to defraud the Government of its lawful revenues.

According to Mr. Carrillo, unpleasant incidents have resulted from his investigation of his division. He pointed out that other members of the investigating committee had received letters threatening their lives should they pursue investigation of the division.

Influential residents of the city, including high Government officials, have called on Mr. Carrillo and other ranking customs officials urging that several examiners under investigation be allowed to continue in office. These influential people have likewise requested that no charges be filed against those examiners and that, should charges be filed against them, they should be found insufficient for suspension or dismissal from the service.

Mr. Carrillo also stated that the wife of one of those under investigation went to his house and wept, asking that her husband be spared investigation and the resulting disgrace of dismissal. Mr. Carrillo replied that he could not grant the request of the woman, and recommended the suspension of the husband after he had found sufficient evidence against him. The wife of another examiner who was likewise subjected to examination presented the daughters of Mr. Carrillo with slippers.

The chief examiner almost hit one of those whose suspension he had recommended when the latter, whose dismissal is now under consideration of the secretary of finance, admitted being the author of an anonymous letter received by the insular collector of customs in which the integrity of Mr. Carrillo was assailed.

The letter, signed by a man, who is known to be dead, accused Mr. Carrillo of conniving with the examiners in committing fraud in the appraisers' division. The letter was sent to Mr. Carrillo by the insular collector of customs for his reference. Shortly the examiner who was suspected of being the author appeared in the appraisers' division ostensibly to converse with friends.

Called by Mr. Carrillo, he approached the chief examiner. He was asked why he sent the anonymous letter to which he inadvertently replied that he could not explain then. Carrillo then found out that he was really the author of the letter and almost struck him. The chief appraiser, however, was able to control himself and merely ordered the suspended examiner out of the room.—Manila Bulletin.

STANDARD TIMES

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN COLONY.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for August (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich) are as follows:—

August	Sunrise	Sunset
13	5.59	6.57
14	5.59	6.59
15	6.00	6.55
16	6.00	6.54
17	6.01	6.54
18	6.01	6.53
19	6.02	6.52
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22	6.03	6.50
23	6.03	6.49
24	6.03	6.48
25	6.03	6.47
26	6.04	6.46
27	6.04	6.45
28	6.04	6.44
29	6.04	6.43
30	6.05	6.43
31	6.05	6.43

CHANGSHA RAPE.

FIRST AUTHENTIC ACCOUNT FROM MISSIONARY.

THOUSAND PEOPLE KILLED.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The first authentic account from a reliable foreign missionary source of the rape at Changsha by the "Reds" at the end of July states that the city was not burned. "At most a few hundred big buildings were seriously damaged and a smaller number burned." Most of the official buildings were burned.

Island property (on which is the foreign settlement) is intact due to the presence of foreign gunboats. Sixty foreign mission buildings were burned and wholly or partially looted, comprising one Church, one school and two residences burned down; one orphanage, five Churches, eight schools and sixteen residences completely looted and badly damaged or demolished, and one orphanage, two hospitals, seven schools and sixteen residences partially damaged.

In addition, most of the Chinese buildings, servants' quarters and outbuildings on Mission premises were destroyed, the relative damage being, firstly to Presbyterian property, secondly to the Norwegian Mission, thirdly to the China Inland Mission, fourthly to the Catholics or Episcopal and fifthly to the Evangelical Mission.

It is conservatively estimated that the "Reds" killed a thousand people of whom half were wounded soldiers. Changsha people, with haggard eyes and haunted looks, are very fearful of the "Reds" return "which would mean a tenfold slaughter."—Reuter.

Reprisal Threatened. Hankow, Yesterday. A message of August 11 states that the troops under General Ho Chien are reported to have evacuated Changsha, and the Chinese citizens are fleeing.

Ho Chien has, it is said, been torturing Communist suspects, and the "Reds" have sworn to kill, as a reprisal, all the people between the ages of 15 and 35. Changsha Still "Safe."

Peking, Yesterday. Regarding previous apprehensions as to the fate of Changsha owing to cessation of radio communication with Nanking, messages from foreign gunboats at Changsha yesterday evening show that the city is still in General Ho Chien's hands.

A house to house search is being made for Communist suspects, and there have been numerous executions.

A Catholic Bishop, four priests and eight nuns have safely reached Hsiuchow, in Kwangtung, from Kanchow, and are going to Canton, but Bishop O'Shea and a few other foreigners are still at Kanchow.—Reuter.

PEACE TALK.

DELEGATES MAY HAVE A PARLEY.

VISIT TO PEITAIHO.

Peking, Yesterday.

A number of Northern and Nanking delegates are going to Peitaiho to see Chang Hsueh-liang, who is calling on Sir Miles Lampson and will be shown over H.M.S. Kent to-day.

Some quarters suggest there may be an informal peace talk at Peitaiho.—Reuter.

STALIN & KULAKS.

AN OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE CAPITALISTS.

Moscow, June 29.

Stalin received a stormy ovation when he addressed the Communist Party Congress yesterday. He spoke almost the whole day, delivering the political report of the party Central Committee, which is usually the most important speech of the Congress.

As non-Communists and foreign journalists are not admitted to the congress only an imperfect summary of the speech is thus far available, but it seems that Stalin called for an offensive against the capitalist elements of the country "along the whole front, and to the end."

He proclaimed as the main task of the Congress "the organization of complete collectivization and the liquidation of the Kulaks as a class." He declared that this was the first Congress where no organized opposition dared to oppose the party line, and stated that "the economic crisis in the capitalist countries is the deepest and most serious among all which had occurred. From this situation the bourgeois will seek a solution through war, and the proletariat through revolution."

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 354 metres:—

6 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records selected and supplied by Messrs. Anderson & Co.

"Rienzi"—Overture (Wagner). The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (1938).

"The Student Prince"—Serenade (Romberg). "The Student Prince"—Drinking Song (Romberg).

Three Male Trio with Chorus of H.M. Theatre Orchestra (1938).

"Patience"—Vocal Gems (Gilbert & Sullivan). Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX38).

"Talkie Tunes", Medley, Waltz, Debroy Somers Band (CB40).

"Scene De Ballet" (Sear). Second Movement from "Symphonie Pathétique" (Tchaikowsky).

"The New Moon—One Kiss". "The New Moon—Love Come Back to Me".

Evelyn Laye and Chorus (1931). "Follow Through"—Selection (Henderson). The Piccadilly Players (1930).

"The Flying Dutchman—Erik's Song" (Wagner). "The Flying Dutchman—Steersman Song" (Wagner).

Francis Russell, Tenor (1940). "Everybody's Melodies". J. H. Squire Octet (1948).

"Don Giovanni—Batti Batti" (Mozart). "Don Giovanni—Mi Tradì Quell'Alma Ingrata" (Mozart).

Miriam Licette (Soprano) (1911). "Indian Queen", Folk Dance. "Holston Furry Processional", Folk Dance.

B.B.C. Wireless Military Band (1929). "Goliwog's Cake Walk" (Debussy). "Dance of the Tumblers" (O'Donnell).

B.B.C. Wireless Military Band (1944). "Poet and Peasant"—Overture (Suppe).

Percy Pitt and Augmented Symphony Orchestra (1940). "The Love Parade"—Selection (Scherzinger).

Jack Payne and His B.B.C. Dance Orchestra (DX29). "Concerto Grosso in D Minor" (Vivaldi).

Enrich Tonhalle Orchestra (1925). 8.40 p.m.—"Music and the All Brow", the fifth of the series of Music Talks, by Mr. C. Dudley Bartlett.

"The Appeal of the Ballad" 9 p.m.—Weather Report. Relay from the Kowloon Football Club Public Band Concert.

11 p.m. (Approx.)—Close Down.

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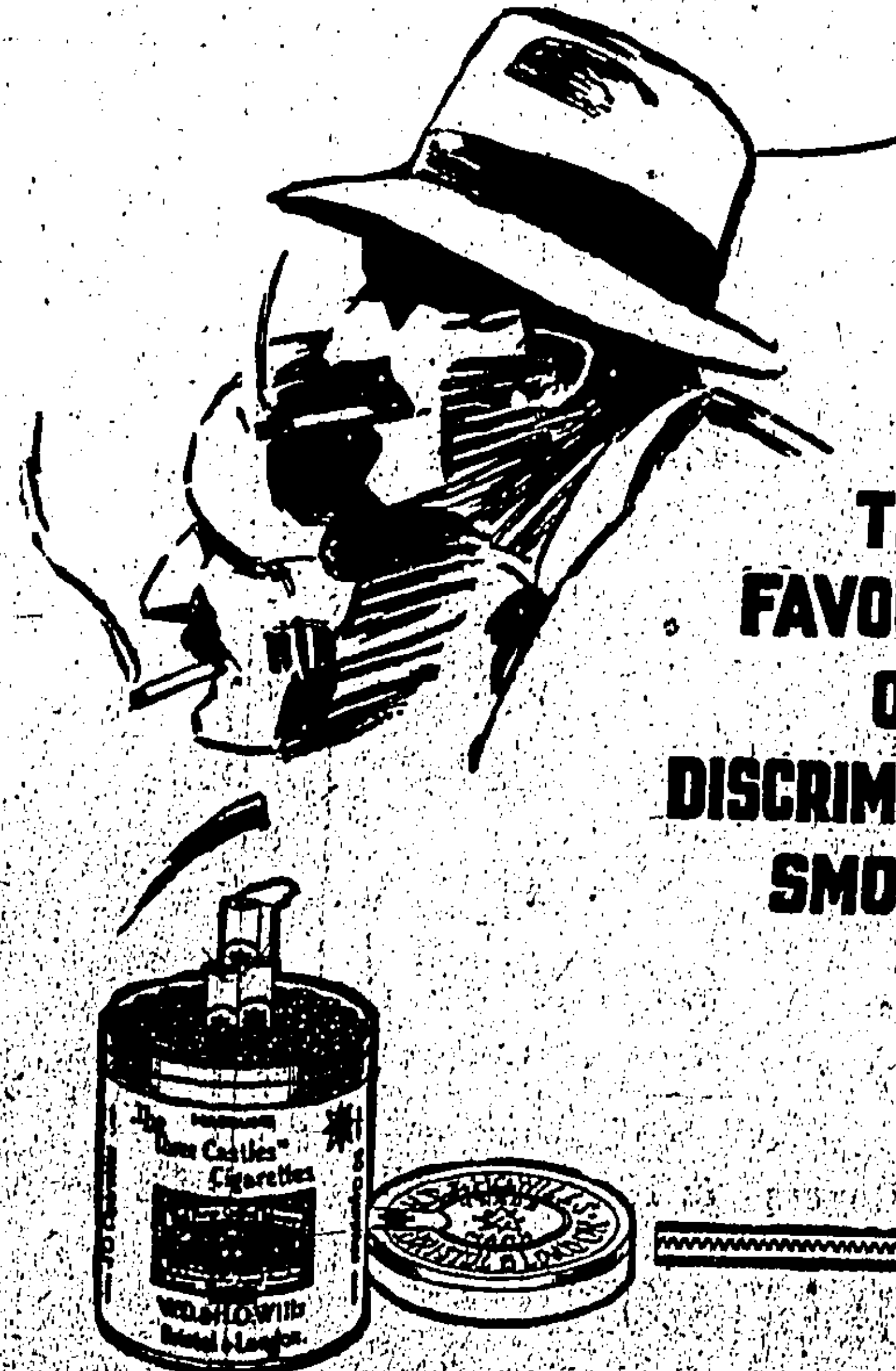
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PROBLEMS OF THE FRENCH BUDGET.

Attempt to Maintain an Equilibrium.

FIGURES TO BE RE-EXAMINED.

Paris, Yesterday.

M. Rambouillet, a Minister of the Council and Budget Minister, examined to-day the conditions of maintenance of the Budget's equilibrium and stated that from 1926 to 1930 the expenses had increased by 13,000,000,000 francs. He added that the Budget of 1930 had increased by 5,000,000,000, as compared with 1929. The figures asked for the Budget of 1931 would overreach by 700,000,000 francs the budget of 1930.

The Council had estimated that, in spite of difficulties to reduce the Budget, the National Debt would absorb 48 per cent. He added that that indeed would be possible without a new tax and loan to cover expenditures. In consequence the Council had decided unanimously again to examine the Budget's figures asked for 1931, in order to settle the Budget's equilibrium.—Havas.

BELGIAN SOCIALIST.

M. VANDERVELDE ON LECTURE TOUR OF CHINA.

Brussels, Yesterday.

The Socialist leader Vander-velde, accompanied by his wife, has left for China on a lecturing tour. He was seen off by the Chinese Minister.—Reuter.

LIFE OF CATHOLIC BISHOP IN DANGER.

U.S. Consul Concerned About Bishop O'Shea.

WASHINGTON INFORMED.

Washington, Yesterday.

The American Consul-General in Canton, has informed the State Department that the American Bishop J. A. O'Shea, of the Catholic Mission at Kanchow, is in imminent danger.—Reuter.

IS CAROL'S DIVORCE INVALID?

Question Being Decided by Minister of Justice.

CORONATION FIXED.

Bukharest, Yesterday.

The coronation ceremonies of King Carol and Queen Helen have been provisionally fixed for October, when it is expected that the legal process of annulling the divorce will be cleared away. The Minister of Justice is now studying documents connected with the case.

King Carol claims that the divorce is invalid because he was prevented from appearing personally at the divorce proceedings and was compelled to be represented by a proxy who protested on his behalf against a divorce. The law which sanctioned representation by proxy has been annulled.—Reuter.

TURKEY TAKES A BOLD STEP.

Troops Cross Over the Persian Frontier.

TO ATTACK THE KURDS.

Angora, Yesterday.

The Turkish Government is taking a strong independent line regarding the Kurdish rebels, and has ordered General Salih to begin operations against the rebels entrenched on the slopes of Mount Ararat. Turkish troops crossed the frontier and occupied a strategic position on the eastern slope of Ararat, well inside Persian territory, thus confronting the Persian Government with a fait accompli.—Reuter.

ROYAL VISIT.

KING FEISAL'S GOOD TIME IN LONDON.

THANKS TO THE PREMIER.

Rugby, Yesterday.

King Feisal of Iraq on leaving Britain had addressed a telegram to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald expressing to the British Government his sincerest thanks for the hospitality which he enjoyed during his stay in London, of which he says he takes with him many pleasant memories.

Mr. MacDonald in his reply says: "It was both a pleasure and a privilege to entertain Your Majesty, and His Majesty's Government are gratified to learn that Your Majesty enjoyed your visit."—British Wireless Service.

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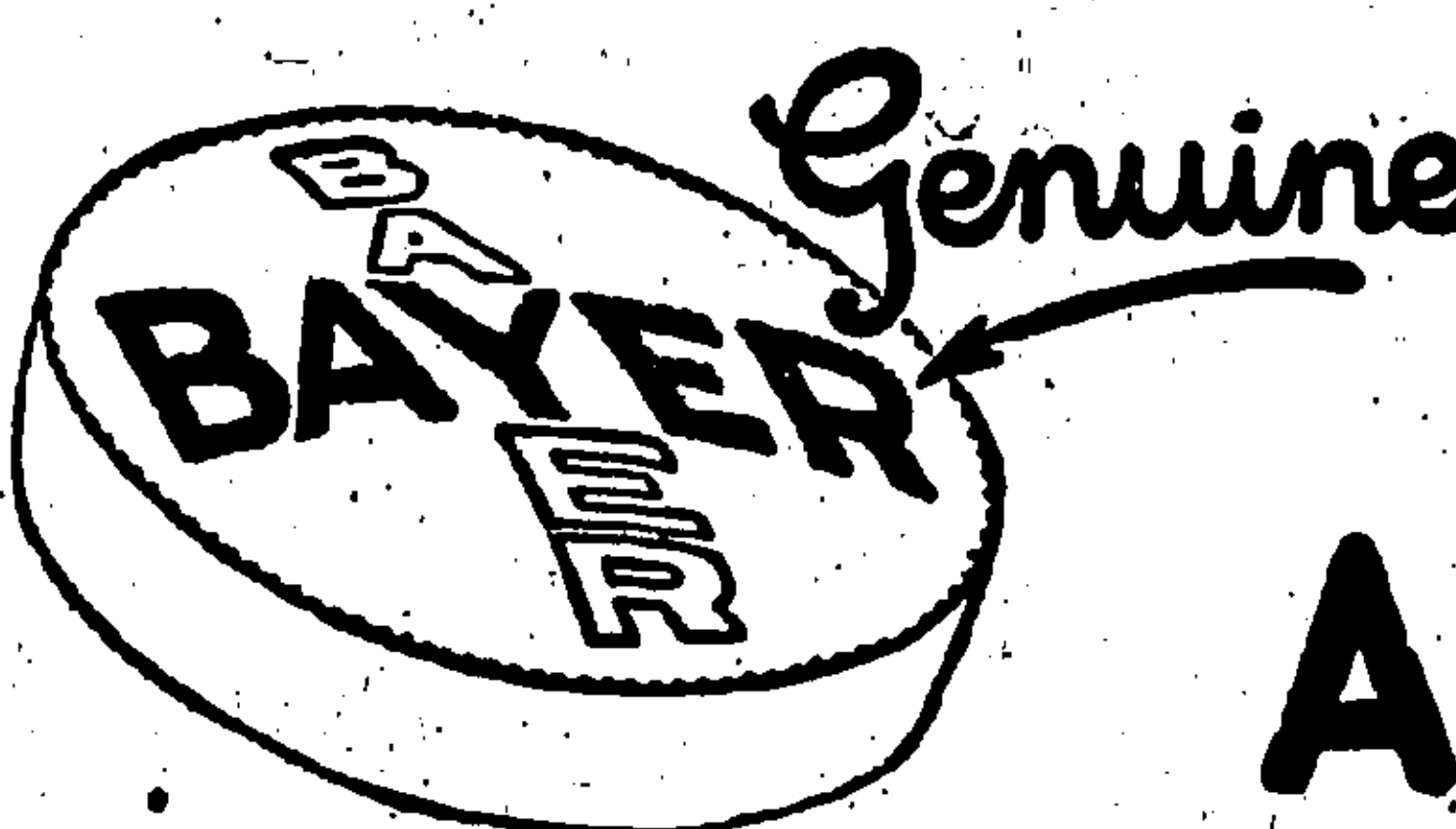


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